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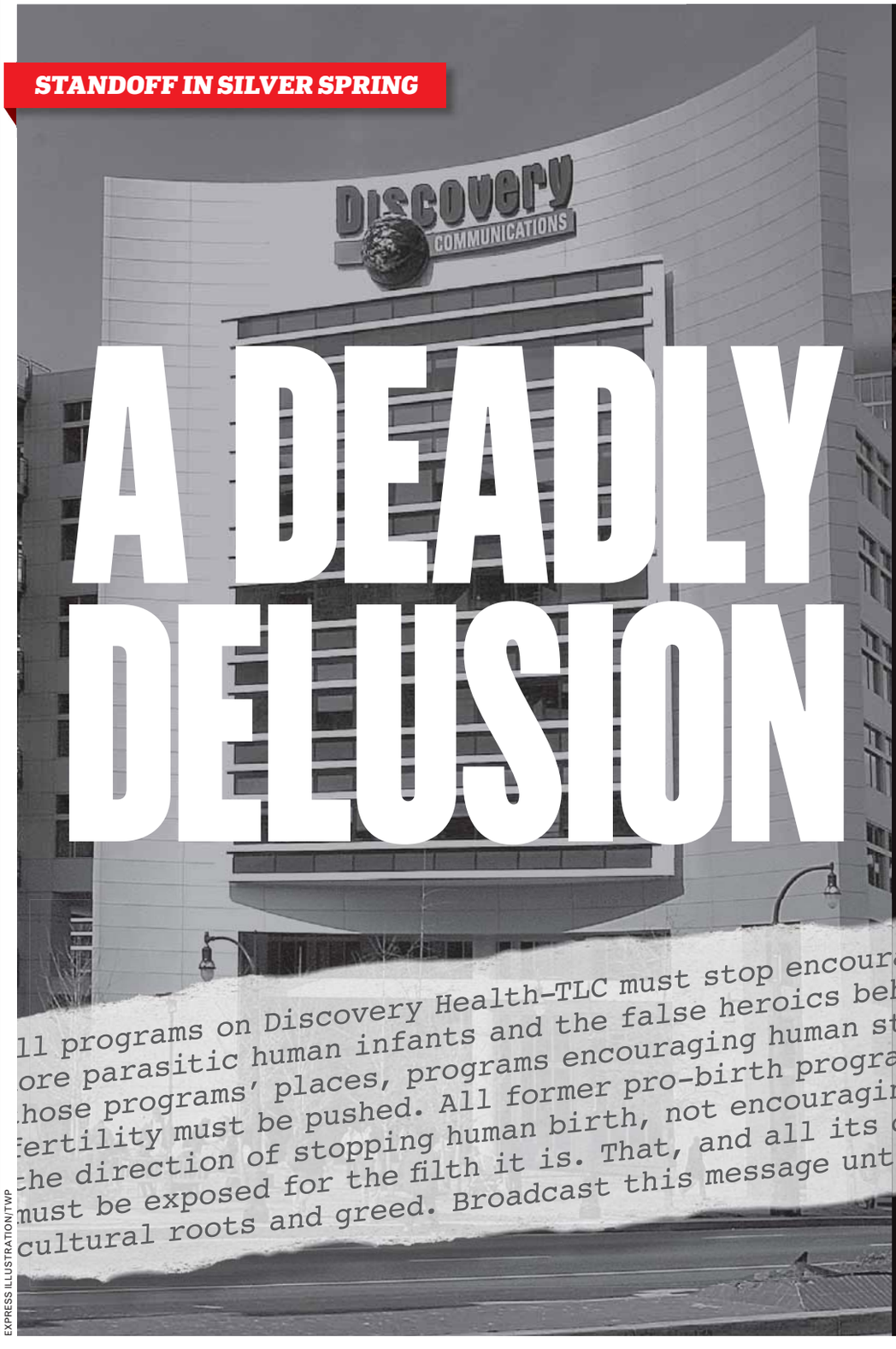

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EYE OPENERS

Missed Connection: You Not in Your Car. Me, Hiding

A man who bought a cell phone, only to find it was the same one that was stolen from his car, tipped off Malibu, Calif., police, who arrested a man they believe broke into dozens of vehicles. The victim was looking for a new phone on Craigslist, found one that looked like his old one and bought it. When it arrived, many of his phone numbers were still programmed into it. (AP)

M. Night Shyamalan Has Found His New Villain!

A fire that did $20,000 in damage to an Arkansas home was caused by dead plants. "The fire was caused by self-heating through decomposition of organic materials contained within a plastic flowerpot," the State Farm Insurance Co. said. Aka, spontaneous combustion. The owner said his wife had planted the flowers last year, then let them die. (AP)

Homemade Autopilot System Fails Miserably

Connecticut State Police say a man fell out of his car onto Interstate 95 and watched his vehicle drive on for about two-tenths of a mile before it crashed into a light pole and a metal guardrail. Troopers say they're not sure why Robert Craig fell out of his 2006 Dodge Charger Tuesday morning in Darien. He was treated for minor injuries at Stamford Hospital. (AP)

The Big Picture

MATT CARDY/GETTY IMAGES

STEAM ENTHUSIASTS (really? Yes!) near Blandforum (really? Yes!), England, aired out their prized steam engines on the first day of the Great Dorset Steam Fair on Wednesday. More than 200,000 people are expected to attend the 600-acre event, the largest of its kind in Europe. (Really? Yes!) (EXPRESS)

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Test Gives Early TB Diagnosis

Science

Scientists are reporting a major advance in diagnosing tuberculosis: A new test can reveal in less than two hours, with very high accuracy, whether someone has the disease and if it's resistant to the main drug for treating it.

The test could revolutionize TB care and replace the 125-year-old process used now, which is slow and misses more than half of all cases, experts say. A better test would be a powerful tool to curb TB in poor countries, where most people spread the lung disease before they are diagnosed and treated, and many don't return for follow-up doctor visits to get test results.

In the United States, it could be a big help in inner city clinics, where diagnosing a drug-resistant strain on someone's first visit enables proper treatment right away.

"You can tell the patient before they leave the office if they have TB and if it's drug-resistant. It's transformational," said Dr. Peter Small, head of TB programs at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which helped fund the work.

MARILYNN MARCHIONE (AP)

Hurricane Earl Prompts Exodus

Governors along the East Coast declare state of emergency

Nags Head, N.C.

Hurricane Earl steamed toward the Eastern Seaboard on Wednesday as communities from North Carolina to New England kept a close eye on the forecast, worried that even a slight shift in the storm's predicted offshore track could put millions of people in the most densely populated part of the country in harm's way.

Vacationers along North Carolina's dangerously exposed Outer Banks took advantage of the typical picture-perfect day just before a hurricane arrives to pack their cars and flee inland, cutting short their summer just before Labor Day weekend.

The governors of North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland declared a state of emergency, sea turtle nests on one beach were scooped up and moved to safety, and the crew of the Navy's USS Cole rushed to get home to Norfolk, Va., on Wednesday ahead of the bad weather. The destroyer was supposed to return later this week from a seven-month assignment fighting piracy off Somalia.

Farther up the East Coast, emergency officials urged people to have disaster plans and supplies ready and weighed whether to order evacuations as they watched the latest maps from the National Hurricane Center.

Earl was expected to reach the North Carolina coast late Thursday and wheel to the northeast, staying offshore while making its way up the Eastern Seaboard. But forecasters said it could move in closer, perhaps coming ashore in North Carolina, crossing New York's Long Island and passing over the Boston metropolitan area and Cape Cod.

That could make the difference between modestly wet weather on the one hand, and dangerous storm surge, heavy rain and hurricane-force winds on the other.

"Everyone is poised and ready to pull the trigger if Earl turns west, but our hope is that this thing goes out to sea," said Peter Judge, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency.

MIKE BAKER (AP)

RICKY CARIOTI/TWP

Vacationers board a ferry leaving Ocracoke Island on Wednesday in Ocracoke Island, N.C., following a mandatory evacuation.

39 **The number of stories** a New York City man plunged from the roof of an apartment building and survived after crashing onto a parked car. Witnesses and police say 22-year-old Thomas Magill tried to commit suicide by jumping from the high-rise at West 63rd Street on Tuesday. He landed in the backseat area of a Dodge Charger after crashing through the windshield. (AP)

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The Tea Party's Big Win

Alaska upset is latest example of sweeping changes in the GOP

Washington

Is the tea party the new Republican Party?

The grass-roots network of fed-up conservative-libertarians displayed its power in its biggest triumph of the election year: the toppling of Sen. Lisa Murkowski in Alaska's GOP primary. Political novice Joe Miller is the fifth tea party insurgent to win a GOP Senate nominating contest, an upset that few, if any, saw coming.

With the stunning outcome, the fledgling tea party coalition and voters who identify with its anti-tax, anti-spending sentiments proved that democracy is alive and well — within the Republican Party. Don't like who is representing you? Rise up, fire them and choose someone new.

The tea party has taken hold in the Grand Old Party, unseating lawmakers, capturing nominations for open seats and forcing Republicans to recalibrate both their campaign strategy and issues agenda. Out is talk of delivering federal dollars back home; in is talk of fiscal discipline.

Within minutes of Murkowski conceding late Tuesday night, Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., was among the conservative Republicans cheering Miller.

"He pulled off the upset victory of the year because he ran on principles and because Alaskans, like all Americans, want to stop the massive spending, bailouts and debt." said DeMint. Taking a shot at Murkowski if not the entire Republican establishment, he added: "Joe Miller's victory should be a wake-up call to politicians who go to Washington to bring home the bacon.

Murkowski, who was seeking her second full term, was the first GOP incumbent to lose her renomination bid to a tea party-backed challenger in a Republican primary. LIZ SIDOTI (AP)

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Tea party favorite Joe Miller speaks to the press Tuesday after his primary win.

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Titanic Expedition On Hold

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AN EXPEDITION searching for titanic wreckage was put on hold Wednesday due to the approach of Hurricane Danielle in the north Atlantic Ocean. The research to uncover parts of the famous ship began early in August.

Hearsay

"The message ... to Hamas and everyone else who is taking credit for these heinous crimes is that this is not going to stop us."

— **PRESIDENT OBAMA,** WHO SAID NEW VIOLENCE WILL NOT DERAIL THIS WEEK'S MIDEAST PEACE TALKS, WHICH BEGAN WEDNESDAY IN WASHINGTON.

Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, Silver Spring and Takoma Metrorail stations will be closed over Labor Day weekend.

A portion of the Red Line and the stations that it serves — Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, Silver Spring and Takoma — will close at 10 p.m., Friday, September 3, and reopen at 5 a.m., Tuesday, September 7.

This shutdown, while major, is important. It will enable Metro to complete a major rehabilitation and rebuilding project to improve safety, comply with a recommendation made by the National Transportation Safety Board and maintain service reliability and a state of good repair.

If you plan to take the Red Line toward downtown, consider using one of the stations on the western branch of the Red Line and avoiding the work area altogether. If that isn't an option, use one of Metro's free shuttles or an existing bus route, but please add 40 minutes to your travel time.

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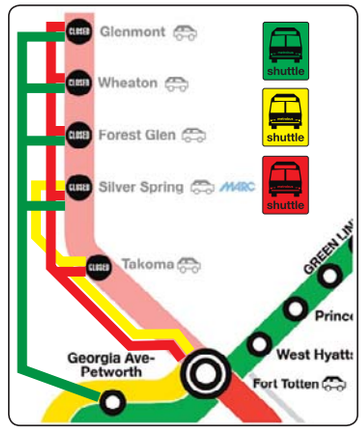

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Parking at Metro lots will be free throughout the weekend. The following bus lines connect to western branch Red Line stations and serve the area between Georgia Avenue and Rockville Pike/Wisconsin Avenue.

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To Rockville:	Metrobus Q1,2,4,6 and Ride On 48, 49
To Twinbrook:	Metrobus C4, Ride On 10, 26
To White Flint:	Metrobus C8 (Friday and Saturday only), Ride On 5, 38
To Medical Center:	Ride On 34
To Bethesda:	Metrobus J2
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Fewer Sneaking Into U.S.

Weak economy and tighter borders fuel a sharp drop in illegal immigration

Washington

The number of illegal immigrants entering the United States has plunged by almost two-thirds in the past decade, a dramatic shift after years of growth in the population, according to a new report by the Pew Hispanic Center.

Between 2000 and 2005, an average of 850,000 people a year entered the United States without authorization, according to the report released Wednesday. As the economy plunged into recession between 2007 and 2009, that number fell to 300,000.

The sharp drop-off has contributed to an 8 percent decrease in the estimated number of illegal immigrants living in the United States, from a peak of 12 million in 2007 to 11.1 million in 2009, the report said. Of the 11.1 million, 8.9 million came from Mexico and other parts of Latin America. Virginia, Florida and Nevada were among the states with steepest declines in their populations of illegal immigrants.

The new figures come amid a heated national debate over efforts by Arizona and other jurisdictions to identify people who are here illegally and push to have them deported.

Douglas Massey, a Princeton University sociologist who studies migration, said the recession and lack of jobs are major factors in the decline of those entering the country illegally.

The unemployment rate for unauthorized immigrants is 10.4 percent higher than that of either U.S.-born residents or legal immigrants, the Pew report said.

Massey said other likely reasons for the decline include an increase in law enforcement and deportations, and enactment of stricter legislation against illegal immigrants. He also pointed to more guest-worker spots, from 104,000 in 2000 to 302,000 in 2009 — allowing more immigrants to come to the United States legally.

"Life's gotten pretty miserable for immigrants in the United States," he said, noting that even for legal immigrants.

Still, the flow of legal immigrants into the United States has increased slightly over the past decade, according to the report, noting that the trends have reduced the percentage of immigrants who are here illegally, from 31 percent of all immigrants in 2007 to 29 percent in 2009.

Although an earlier Pew study pointed to signs of fewer illegal immigrants in recent years, the new report reveals the first statistically significant reversal in the growth of the population in the past 20 years, said Jeffrey Passel, a senior demographer at Pew.

Passel, an author of the new report, noted that in recent years, illegal entry has gotten more expensive, harder and more dangerous.

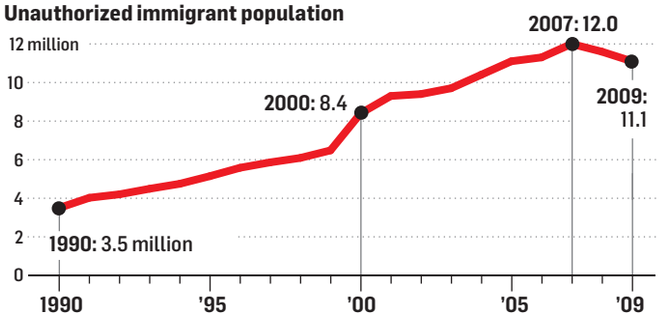
"We know that it's harder to sneak across the border than it was four or five years ago, and especially than it was 10 or 15 years ago," he said. "The increase of the border patrol around cities and ports of entry has pushed the flows across the border into more remote places." TARA BAHRAMPOUR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Border Patrol agents detain undocumented immigrants who had crossed the Rio Grande River near McAllen, Texas, in May.

Drop in inflow of illegal immigrants

The number of illegal immigrants in the U.S. declined to 11.1 million in March 2009 from a peak of 12 million in March 2007. This marked the first reversal in growth in two decades.



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The percentage of the foreign-born population comprising illegal immigrants in the U.S., down from 31 percent in 2007.

10.4%

The unemployment rate for illegal immigrants in March 2009 — higher than that of U.S.-born workers or legal immigrants, who had unemployment of 9.2 percent and 9.1 percent, respectively.

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The number of illegal immigrants in Virginia in 2009, down from 305,000 in 2008. Princeton's Jeffrey Passel attributed this to the weak economy and strict legislation passed in Prince William County in 2007 and 2008. (AP)

Game-Changer?

The states with the highest percentage of illegal immigrants were **California** (6.9 percent), **Nevada** (6.8 percent), **Texas** (6.5 percent) and **Arizona** (5.8 percent). The numbers are expected to play an important role in determining whether those states lose or gain fewer U.S. House seats than expected after the 2010 census. (AP)

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Iraq's Precarious, New Territory

Future of country uncertain as U.S. military bows out

Baghdad

The U.S. military's war is officially over in Iraq, even as the future of the country remains undecided. The signs of the end were everywhere Wednesday, despite the presence of some 49,000 American troops who remain mostly sequestered on large American bases.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates touched down in the morning at al-Asad Air Base, which was once home to 22,000 Marines and now serves primarily as a launching pad for planes ferrying troops home from the country. He took questions from soldiers who pressed him with queries about their retirement and health benefits and barely mentioned the war.

NABIL AL-JURANI/AP

An Iraqi policeman stands guard Wednesday at a check point in Basra, Iraq.

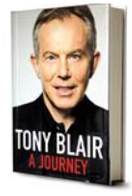
By afternoon Gates and Vice President Biden were presiding over what will likely be the war's last four-star change of command.

The events served to amplify President Obama's message Tuesday that it was time for the United States to "turn the page" in Iraq.

The initial U.S. invasion in March 2003 was followed by a series of American blunders, such as the failure to plan for the post-war occupation and the often heavy-handed use of force.

Even as Gates praised U.S. troops who fought in Iraq, the defense secretary declined to say whether he thought the war's ambiguous outcome was worth the cost in American money and lives. "I think that it really requires a historian's perspective in terms of what happens here in the long term," Gates said. **(TWP)**

"I ... regret with every fiber of my being the loss of those who died."



—FORMER BRITISH PRIME MINISTER TONY BLAIR, IN "A JOURNEY," WHICH HIT IS OUT NOW. IT REVEALS HIS REGRET OVER BANNING FOX HUNTING, BUT NOT INVADING IRAQ.

Congo Leaders Begged U.N. to Guard Villagers

Johannesburg

Congolese community leaders say they begged local U.N. officials and army commanders to protect villagers days before rebels gang-raped scores of people, from a month-old baby boy to a 110-year-old great-great-grandmother.

The rapes occurred in and around Luvungi, a village that is a half-hour drive from a U.N. peacekeepers' camp and a 90-minute ride from Walikale, a base for hundreds of Congolese troops. The number of people treated for rape in the July 30 to Aug. 4 attacks is 242. **(AP)**

Suicide Bombs Kill 25 at Pakistan Shiite March

K.M.CHAUDARY/AP

A MAN REACTS TO EXPLOSIONS on Wednesday as protesters burn vehicles in Lahore, Pakistan. Three suicide bombs ripped through a Shiite Muslim religious procession, killing 25 people and wounding about 150 others. The explosions appear to be the latest in a string of attacks by Sunni extremists against the minority Shiites they consider infidels.

TECHNOLOGY

China wants people who buy new cell phone numbers to register their personal details, joining many countries in curbing the anonymous use of mobile technology. Most countries that have such rules say they prevent the use of unregistered phones in terror attacks or drug crimes. In China, authorities say they have their sights on rampant junk messages—but some believe the move gives the government a new tool for monitoring its citizens. **(AP)**

In Brief

CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Many say Quick's decision to serve halal beef will promote Muslim segregation.

FLEURY-MEROGIS, FRANCE

France Holds the Bacon

For a popular French fast food chain, the bacon is gone from the bacon burgers. On Wednesday, chain restaurant Quick started serving halal-only food in 22 of its French outlets, targeting France's large Muslim population. **(AP)**

STOCKHOLM

Rape Probe Reopened For WikiLeaks' Founder

A senior Swedish prosecutor reopened a rape investigation against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange on Wednesday, the latest twist to a puzzling case in which prosecutors of different ranks have overruled each other. Assange has denied the allegations and suggested they are part of a smear campaign. **(AP)**

THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS

Arrested Yemenis Freed

Two Yemeni men arrested on arrival from the United States on suspicion they may have been conducting a dry run for an airline terror attack were released without charge Wednesday after investigations turned up no evidence to link them to a terror plot. **(AP)**

AMSTERDAM

Greenpeace to Facebook: Drop Plans to Use Coal

Greenpeace said about 500,000 Facebook users have urged the world's largest social network to abandon plans to buy electricity from a coal-based energy company for its new data center in the U.S. A Greenpeace executive director sent a letter Wednesday to Mark Zuckerberg warning that the company risked its reputation if it ignored the environmental impacts of its actions. **(AP)**

Julie Feinberg
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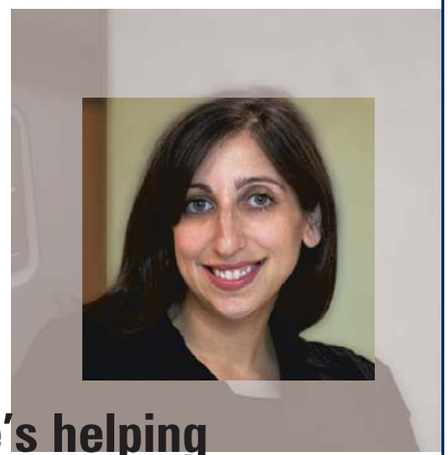

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Local

Fenty, Gray Square Off

Democratic primary candidates spar on issues facing D.C.

Washington

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty pleaded with District voters to "forgive" his mistakes and to give him another chance to create a more inclusive government, while Council Chairman Vincent C. Gray sought to present himself as the more mature, collaborative leader during a one-hour debate Wednesday that came less than two weeks before the Sept. 14 Democratic primary.

Fenty and Gray disagreed on a wide range of issues, from parking-meter rates to the city's unemployment rate to the future of Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee.

But much of the debate, held at the Newseum, centered on Fenty's troubles connecting with the city's African American voters.

"If you do not find it in your hearts to forgive me and give me a second chance, I will have no one to blame but myself," Fenty said in his closing statement.

NIKKI KAHN/THWP

Gray, left, and Fenty disagreed on topics ranging from parking to unemployment.

"However, if you believe like I do that a mayor makes mistakes and that he can learn from them ... if you believe like I do that we can never go back to the dark days of the past, I ask you to believe in me again, and believe in D.C."

Gray presented himself as a consensus builder who, if elected, would be a "partner" with the public and other government leaders to ease divisions and address the city's economic disparities.

"It is time we bring collaboration, integrity and sound management back to the mayor's office," Gray said.

After the debate, Fenty's wife, Michelle, made a rare appearance before the media. In an emotional appeal, she tried to show a softer side of a man who many voters view as arrogant, saying she "gets to see the real side and the pain he feels," knowing that some voters have turned against him.

"It hurts. This is his city and these are his people. It's so painful to hear that people think he's arrogant. As his wife, I'm here to tell you it's absolutely not true," she said, as she began to cry in front of the TV cameras. **TIM CRAIG AND ANN E. MARIMOW (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

DC Rider

Today's Question

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Currie Indicted for Grocer Work

Annapolis, Md.

The U.S. attorney's office says Maryland state Sen. Ulysses Currie has been indicted.

Currie, who chairs the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, has been indicted on charges that include conspiracy, bribery, extortion, mail fraud and making false statements.

The 73-year-old Currie had been under federal investigation for more than two years for working as a consultant for Shoppers Food Warehouse without disclosing the work in financial disclosure forms. **(AP)**

GAIL BURTON/AP

State Sen. Ulysses Currie has been indicted on charges including bribery.

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Sept. 1

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Mid-day D.C. Five	2-1-6-4-8
Evening D.C. Five (Tues.)	8-3-2-8-6
Daily 6 (Tues.)	2-6-7-13-20-36 (5)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	2-3-4
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	7-3-7
Mid-day Pick 4	3-1-6-7
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	9-1-3-5
Match 5 (Tues.)	2-6-25-26-30 (33)

Multi-State Games

Mega Millions (Tues.)	10-20-29-47-48
Mega Ball	38

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	5-2-4
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	8-9-2
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Deadly End at Discovery

Hostage-taker with a history of animosity is shot dead after negotiations fail

Silver Spring, Md.

A man who railed against the Discovery Channel's environmental programming for years burst into the company's headquarters with at least one explosive device strapped to his body Wednesday and took three people hostage at gunpoint before police shot him to death, officials said.

The hostages — two Discovery Communications employees and a security officer — were unhurt after the hours-long standoff. Montgomery County Police Chief Thomas Manger said tactical officers moved in after officers monitoring Lee on building security cameras saw him pull out his handgun and point it at one of the hostages.

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The number of people who work in the Discovery building in Silver Spring. Most were evacuated but a few remained on upper floors during the standoff.

An explosive device on the gunman's body detonated when police shot him, Manger said. Police were trying to determine whether two boxes and two backpacks the gunman also contained explosives.

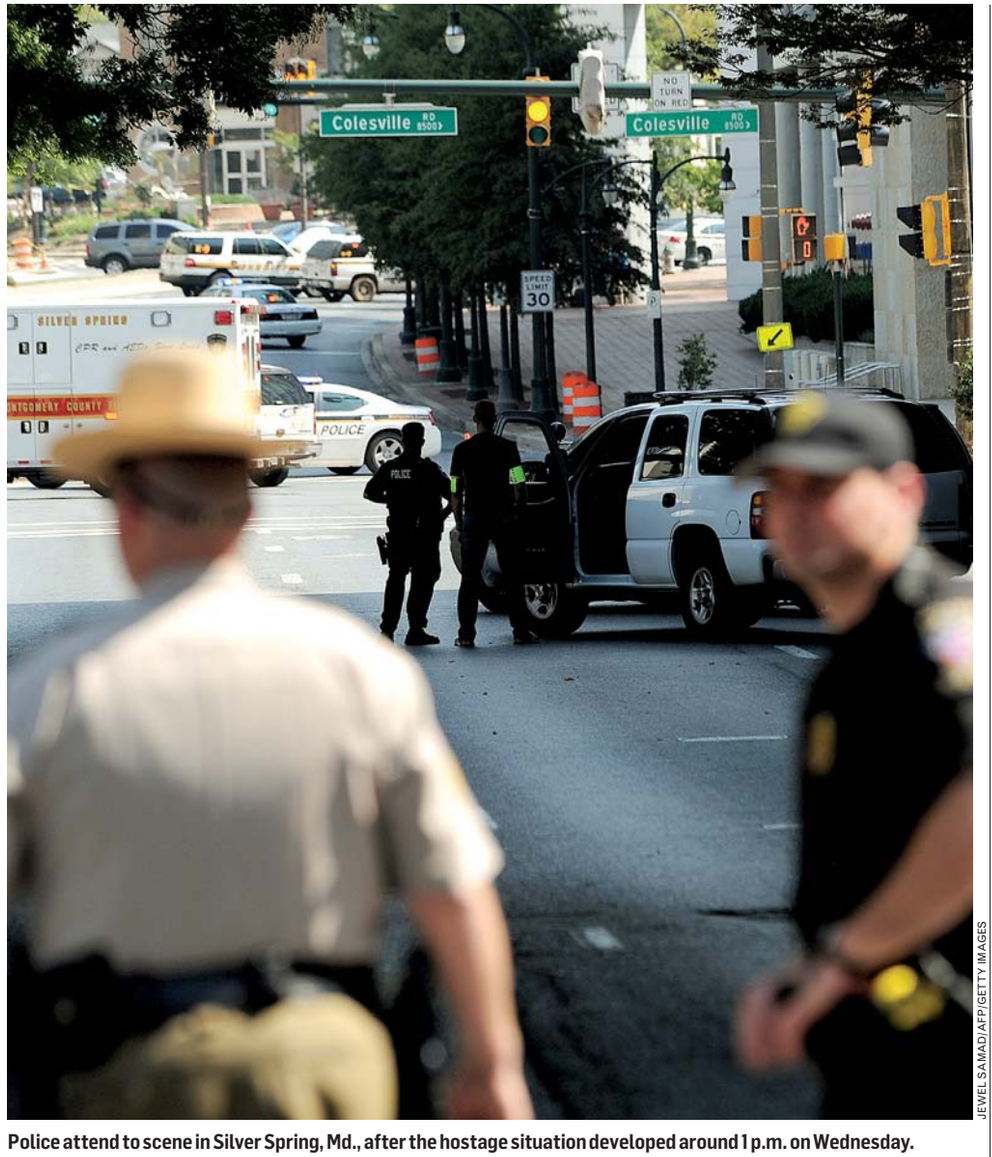
Manger said police spent several hours negotiating with the armed man after he entered the building about 1 p.m. None of the people who work in the building were hurt, and most made it out before the standoff ended.

A law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing said authorities had identified James J. Lee as the likely suspect.

A manifesto posted on a website registered to a person named James Lee, who gave a post office box in Canada as his address, lists several demands to the Discovery Channel, saying the station "MUST broadcast to the world their commitment to save the planet." It lists 11 demands about airing shows that would promote curbing the planet's population growth, finding solutions for global warming and dismantling "the dangerous US world economy."

"All programs on Discovery Health-TLC must stop encouraging the birth of any more parasitic human infants and the false heroics behind those actions," it reads. "In those programs' places, programs encouraging human sterilization and infertility must be pushed. All former pro-birth programs must now push in the direction of stopping human birth, not encouraging it."

David Leavy, Discovery's executive vice president for corporate affairs, said all employees were accounted for. "We're relieved that it ended without any harm to our employees," he said. **(AP/TWP)**



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Police attend to scene in Silver Spring, Md., after the hostage situation developed around 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

FROM LEE'S MANIFESTO

"Civilization must be exposed for the filth it is. Saving the Planet means . . . decreasing the Human population. That means stopping the human race from breeding any more disgusting human babies!"

— **JAMES LEE,** WHO CREATED A LIST OF DEMANDS FROM DISCOVERY CHANNEL ON WWW.SAVETHEPLANETPROTEST.COM

EYEWITNESS VIEW

"I got off and started to see police cars. All of a sudden I heard a series of shots — ta ta ta ta ta! I ran across the street. ... It was like a movie."

— **JOSE QUINONES,** 49, OF SILVER SPRING, WHO WAS RIDING THE Y7 BUS WEDNESDAY.

CHIP PY/AP

Backstory

James J. Lee's crusade against the Discovery Channel began long before he stepped into the Silver Spring building Wednesday. Lee took out ads in Express in early 2008 promoting a February protest in front of the Discovery building. "The Discovery Channel produces many so-called 'Environmental Programs' supposedly there to save the planet," the ads read. "But the truth is things are getting WORSE! Their programs are causing more harm than good." Lee, shown above at the protest, was arrested for throwing money outside of the Discovery building and was found guilty of disorderly conduct. **(EXPRESS)**

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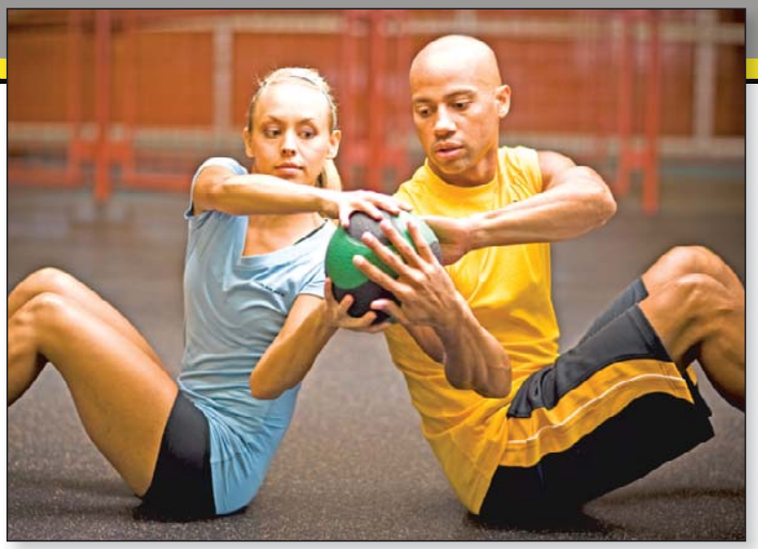

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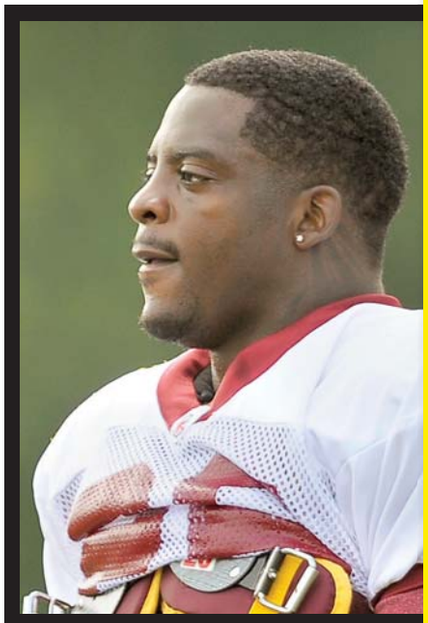
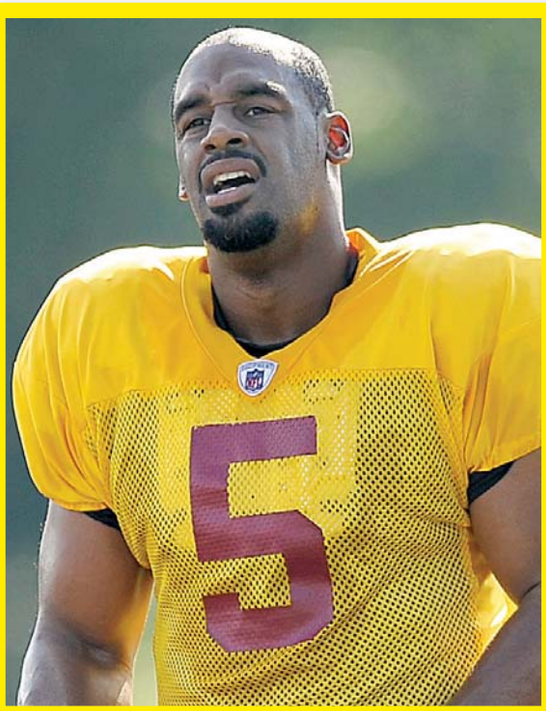


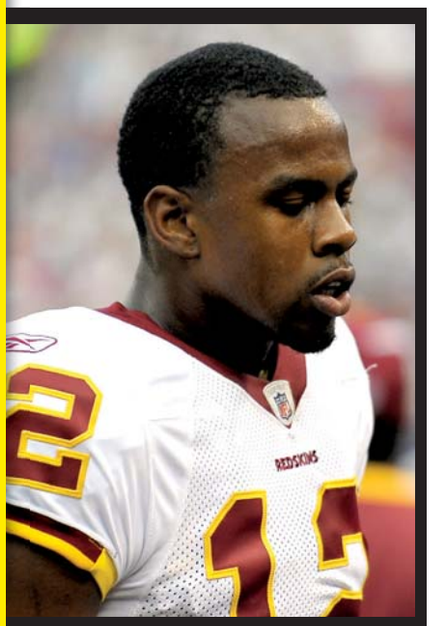
PORTIS: OUT

Sprained ankle: The Redskins' starting running back will have missed two straight preseason games. Of course, Portis has previously expressed disdain for the preseason.



MCNABB: OUT

Sprained ankle: The team's new quarterback was unable to play a week ago too, meaning his transition to coach Mike Shanahan's offense may take longer than hoped.



KELLY: OUT

Pulled hamstring: The third-year wide receiver went on injured reserve on Tuesday, bringing his 2010 season to an end before it even began.

Redskins Plan to Play It Safe

Many starters won't take the field in the final preseason game

The Redskins

No Donovan McNabb. No Clinton Portis. No problem.

Of course, that's easy to say when the game doesn't count.

With the Redskins' fourth and final preseason game upon us, the only thing to watch for is how quickly Mike Shanahan will yank all the players who have any chance of being on the field for meaningful downs this season.

In fact, most of the drama even for Redskins fans could hinge on the other team's quarterback battle, where presumed heir Matt Leinart appears to have lost the starting job to new addition Derek Anderson.

The Redskins? They're just hoping to have all their reserve quarterbacks healthy when they leave Phoenix.

What started off as a surprisingly injury free camp has devolved into a series of nagging pains.

McNabb sprained his ankle in the Aug. 21 loss to Baltimore, and while he's reportedly progressed since then, it's still unclear whether he'll be ready to play in the opener against Dallas in 10 days.

Portis has been hobbled by a sprained ankle and doesn't figure to see time in Arizona. His presumed backup – Larry Johnson – doesn't have much to prove, either. Ryan Torain will be the starter at tailback, and a bulk of the carries will likely go do guys on the bottom end of the depth chart.

Also missing from the backfield is former Pro Bowl fullback Mike Sellers, who hurt his knee against Baltimore but doesn't appear to be in danger of being out long term. The same can't be said for receiver Malcolm Kelly, who was put on injured reserve on Tuesday with a hamstring injury.

What fans will have to look for in tonight's contest are the little battles. With most of the key starting positions seemingly settled on both sides of the ball, the Arizona game will likely serve as a contest among teammates to see who can make the best impression before final cuts.

"A lot of times jobs are decided in the last preseason game," said Shanahan, who set the final 53-man roster aturday. "It might be just a special teams play or just the practice squad. People forget you have eight practice squad players and they are a sprained ankle away from being with the 53-man squad. **ERIC BRANDNER**

Who's In?

Ryan Torain should see his fair share of carries as he tries to beat out Willie Parker for a roster spot.

Rex Grossman had not expected to play against Arizona, but now there is talk the No. 2 QB will start.

Devin Thomas won't lose his roster spot to Malcolm Kelly but needs to show he can make plays.

GETTY IMAGES

Rob Dibble said Stephen Strasburg should have pitched through his injury.

Nats Cut Ties With Dibble Over Injury Flap

The Nationals

In the wake of controversial comments Rob Dibble made about Stephen Strasburg, the Nationals announced Wednesday Dibble will no longer broadcast their games. The separation will be permanent. The Nationals offered no further comment on the matter.

There is no word on a permanent replacement for MASN, but Ray Knight will serve as the analyst at least through the end of the Nationals' current road trip.

Dibble has not broadcast a Nationals game since the incident. When Dibble was first taken off the air, Nationals President Stan Kasten said the announcer had volunteered to take a leave. "Rob asked for some time off," Kasten said at the time. "Perhaps he's not feeling well. But I'm not a doctor, nor have I seen his records. So I shouldn't say anything more about it."

Kasten's comment referenced the comments Dibble made about Strasburg on his Sirius XM radio show when, in the days between Strasburg's elbow injury and the revelation he would need Tommy John surgery, Dibble questioned Strasburg leaving the game. **(THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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Sports

BYU Details Its Independence

College Football

BYU athletic director Tom Holmoe says the Cougars' move to independence in football has plenty of risks and he hopes even bigger rewards.

Holmoe gave some details Wednesday about BYU's athletic future. While football will play without a conference, other sports are joining the West Coast Conference starting next year.

By leaving the Mountain West Conference, BYU was able to negotiate its own broadcast rights for football. The school landed an eight-year deal with ESPN to televise the Cougars. **(AP)**

U.S. Earns Top Seed in Worlds

Basketball

The United States eased its way to a top seed in the knockout round of the world championship, beating Iran 88-51 Wednesday in the first meeting between the countries with a history of contentious relations.

The U.S. team, which downplayed the political aspect of the matchup, methodically pulled away in the first half, wearing down the Asian champions with its depth and athleticism.

Kevin Love scored 13 points and Kevin Durant 12 for the Americans (4-0), who will meet the fourth-place team from Group A in the round of 16. **(AP)**

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Sports

London Aims to Revive Cavaliers

New Virginia coach reaches out to build goodwill for program

Cavs Football

Mike London didn't realize how consumed he had become with his new job as Virginia's football coach until his daughter, Jaicyn, asked him a question: "Dad, are you coming to my concert?" London made the elementary school performance, but "had to make some calls" to rearrange his schedule.

Then he was back promoting his program and trying to build goodwill on campus and in the community. "This," London has said several times, "is a work in progress."

AP

Mike London will face his old team, Richmond, in Saturday's opening game.

London, who was at Richmond, has been in constant motion since he was hired in December 2009 — working to turn around a Virginia program that had fallen on hard times under his predecessor, Al Groh. It is London's third stint at Virginia, where he twice was an assistant to Groh.

Part of his plan has been to reach out to former players; he wants them to be part of Cavaliers football again. Former quarterback Aaron Brooks welcomed the chance to get involved again. He and several other players recently attended a closed scrimmage and afterwards ate with the team.

Brooks is impressed by what he has seen. "What makes coach London so dynamic is that he has the ability to relate to these kids, to these players," Brooks said. "I think that's something they missed with Al." HANK KURZ JR. (AP)

Azarenka Overcome by Heat at Open

PAUL J. BERESWILL/AP

VICTORIA AZARENKA collapses while playing Gisela Dulko on a very hot Wednesday at the U.S. Open. After being taken off the court in a wheelchair, Azarenka — suffering headache-like symptoms — withdrew from the event.

TV Lineup

REDSKINS (10 P.M., NBC4) The Redskins will bench most starters as they close out the preseason with a late game against the Arizona Cardinals.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 P.M., ESPN; 8 P.M., FSN; 8:30 P.M., VERSUS; 11 P.M., ESPN) The college football season kicks off with four games: SMU versus South Carolina; Northern Illinois at Iowa State; Utah hosting Pittsburgh; and Hawaii battles USC in Lane Kiffin's debut with the Trojans.

BASKETBALL (9:30 A.M., ESPN2) The U.S. tips off against Tunisia in the World Championships in Istanbul, Turkey.

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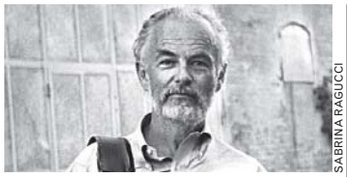

SABRINA RAGUCCI

John Gossage

PHOTOGRAPHER, "THE POND"

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS and 18 books ago, celebrated Washington photographer John Gossage produced "The Pond," a collection of photographs mostly shot at an unnamed, Queenstown, Md.-area pond. The book's title recalled Henry David Thoreau's "Walden," but the effect was something much more modern. "The Pond" is on view now at the Smithsonian American Art Museum — the first time the series has been publicly displayed. Aperture will release a 25th anniversary edition of the book this month.

Gossage spoke to Express about the process of revisiting his iconic, meditative collection after a quarter-century.

What does the pond represent?

The pond is a literary monologue, a narrative landscape book, character development — all of it. ... It's set in Queenstown, but a few of the shots were actually taken in Berlin. I won't tell which ones. I wanted to speak metaphorically about nature and civilization, which I realized halfway through my project. It's a work of documentary fiction. The sites are universally trivial. There are many ponds, and that one may not even be there anymore.

Is it strange to see your book presented as an exhibition?

The book is different in that it's a narrative. You start at page one and move your way through. I was surprised because I really liked the show once I saw it. It's given me new things to think about — things I haven't digested yet.

JOHN GOSSAGE

John Gossage's "The Pond" considered nature and ever-encroaching civilization.

"The pond is a literary monologue. ... It's a work of documentary fiction."

Is the Smithsonian show helping you to see your work from a different perspective?

Yes, absolutely. The new edition has three photographs that I wanted in the original, but they were taken out due to budget constraints. So, I'm happy now to have them back in. But, ironically, I couldn't figure out where they were supposed to go in the sequence. I had to reconsider where they should go. I hope I got it right.

KATHERINE BOYLE (EXPRESS)

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Free for All: 'Twelfth Night'

The Shakespeare Theatre delivers a comedy of errors

Play Review

Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" is a comedy: You can tell because at the end, everyone is married. (That's how to classify Shakespeare. For instance, if you're bored, you're seeing a "history play.") But the themes of the Shakespeare Theatre's Free for All production are darker than you might expect.

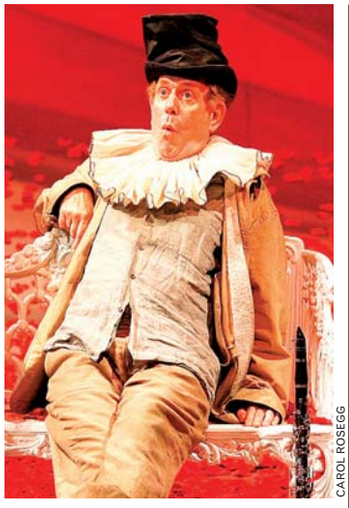
The plot is, as usual, knotty: Twins Viola and Sebastian wash ashore separately in a strange country after a shipwreck and join the court. But Viola has disguised herself as a man, and thus looks exactly like her brother.

This staging steps heavily on the broad humor, which wears thin at times. But the cadre of clowns — including an excellent Tom Story as a ridiculous dandy and an always pitch-perfect Floyd King as a sad jester — is funny enough to get us through the tired genitalia jokes, and this "Twelfth Night" finds its way to being satisfying.

Perhaps it's Christina Pumariega's strikingly genuine performance as Viola or Sarah Agnew's comedic turn as Olivia, the noblewoman who falls in love with the Viola's cross-dressed man-self, Cesario. Philip Goodwin plays the wronged Malvolio, tormented by the suddenly not-so-nice drunken clowns, with a sweet sadness. And a streamlined set — complete with rose petals falling dramatically from the ceiling — creates a lush tone.

The production's real strength is in its willingness to see the darker side of "Twelfth Night" while not forgetting that it's a comedy — and as such, it all ends happily.

FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)



CAROL ROSEGG

Floyd King is back as Feste, shown here in 2009's run of "Twelfth Night."

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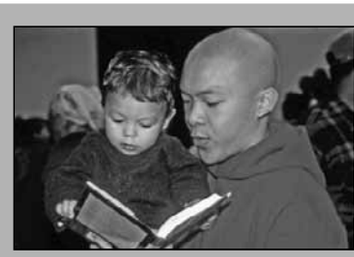

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An Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test

Can an indie improv supergroup give guitar psychedelia some new levitation?

Music

Rangda brings together an improv dream team featuring guitar work by Ben Chasny (Six Organs of Admittance, Comets on Fire) and Sir Richard Bishop (Sun City Girls).

With nearly every blog-buzz band around hammering out nu-rave electro beats and hard house samples, an old-school guitar-improv trip-out almost feels new again.

Sir Richard Bishop — guitarist for the seminal experimental group Sun City Girls — is a pioneer of the genre, known for a Ravi Shankar-esque style both meditative and transportive. Bishop, along with guitarist Ben Chasny (of latter-day psych projects Six Organs of Admittance and Comets on Fire) and drummer Chris Corsano (who's accompanied everyone from Björk to Jandek) have formed Rangda — an improv supergroup and music-nerd dream team.

"It was a long time coming, a waiting game of epic proportions," said Bishop. "This whole project was originally Ben's idea. He first mentioned it to me about three years ago, maybe even earlier than that. He wanted to do dual electric guitars with drums and he wanted to enlist Chris as the drummer. I thought this was a great idea." But the three way-out players were hard to wrangle into one place, Bishop said. "It just took a while for everything to come together because everybody was dealing with other projects."

Late last year, the group finally found a window of opportunity to lay down tracks. But even after talking about the project for so long, they had nothing specific planned out. Another hurdle: They had never played with each other before.

"Prior to the recording, we decided to set up a live show and we had 90 minutes the previous day to come up with some material. It was the first time we all played together," said Bishop. "Each of us had a few skeletal ideas to work with, and we did our best to flesh out a few pieces for the live show. The following day we went into the studio and just let it fly."

"We really don't know right now where it will all lead, but that's the cool thing about this whole outlet. There aren't any maps available for this expedition."

The result was May's powerful debut, "False Flag," on Chicago's Drag City label. The disc jumps between aggressively noisy improv jams and more structured pieces.

"We know we have the potential to do all-out improv, but that doesn't always come easy if you haven't played together much — or at all, in this case," said Bishop. "We had some loose ideas for compositional pieces, so we focused more on those. But these songs have a lot of open spaces. So, when we perform them live, they're different every time we play them."

For Rangda's tour on "False Flag," Bishop said the group still won't spend much time rehearsing. "Since the first live show and the recording, we've never rehearsed, because we all live in different states," explained Bishop. "So, we have to develop on stage, and that is more of a challenge — and a welcome one at that.

"During our first tour, in Europe earlier this year, we pretty much played all the songs from the record, plus a few additional pieces that began as straight up improvisations," he said. "We really don't know right now where it will all lead, but that's the cool thing about this whole outfit. ... There aren't any maps available for this expedition."

Since the death of Sun City Girls — drummer Charles Gocher ended the band in 2007 — Bishop has been hungry for new collaborators, but also gun-shy. "It took a while for me to become comfortable with the idea of working with other musicians," he said. "After playing so long with SCG and then having it suddenly end — it was a weird feeling. I wasn't really ready to jump in with other players. Playing with [SCG bassist] Alan [Bishop] and Charlie for 27 years was easy; everybody was on the same page from very early on ... [Now], we're just getting started. I am really looking forward to seeing how it all plays out."

Bishop said he sees Rangda as a new start. And for fans of experimental music and of the back catalogs of all the players, that's great news. "We're already thinking about the next record, plus a live release, as well," he revealed. "Even though all three of us are busy with many projects, Rangda remains in focus and is a top priority for me. I am pretty sure this beast will be around for a good long time."

CATHERINE LEWIS

● *The Velvet Lounge, 915 U St. NW; with Major Stars and Kohoutek; Sat., 9 p.m., $10; 202-462-3213.*

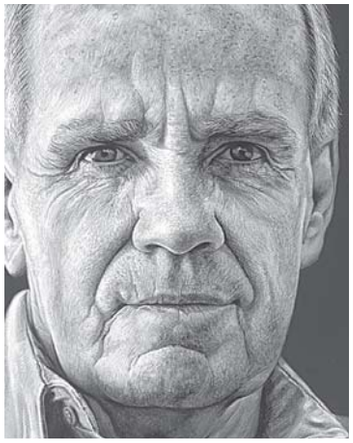
National History in Progress

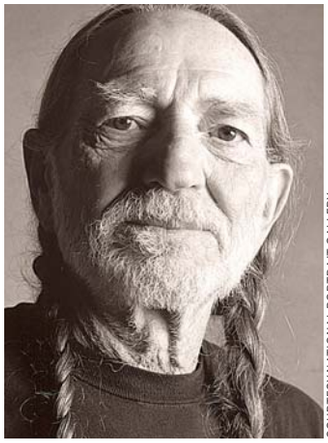
'Americans Now' looks at the changing faces of both fame and portraiture

Museums

The National Portrait Gallery's "Americans Now" exhibition challenges visitors to rethink portraiture. These are no stuffy paintings of nobles done up in velvet and ermine. Here, the art form has evolved to include photography, collage and video. "Americans Now" takes advantage of all those mediums — as well as tried-and-true oil on canvas — to take on some iconic living Americans.

The show also asks what portraiture has come to mean: How will the subjects on display be remembered 100 years from now, and why do we elevate them today?





COURTESY NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY

"Americans Now" features portraits of such luminaries as Cormac McCarthy, Maxine Hong Kingston and Willie Nelson.

Presidents and first ladies will still be displayed as important parts of our history, but what about Tony Hawk?

Some of the answers are straightforward. Presidents and first ladies will always be displayed as important parts of our history. But what about Tony Hawk, shown skateboarding across a kitchen counter, or a larger-than-life LL Cool J? Not all the faces are famous: Along with politicians and entertainers there are artists, scientists and others who, while stand-outs in their own fields, may not be recognizable to the average American.

These questions aside, "Americans Now" also showcases the range of artistic techniques used to create portraits. In a way, the show is as much about the artists as their subjects: A Chuck Close self-portrait using a centuries-old technique called anamorphosis must be seen to be believed. Robert McCurdy's photorealistic painting of Toni Morrison takes the medium to a new level. But Mark Wagner's depiction of former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke — made entirely of one-dollar bills — steals the spotlight.

One of the most striking facets of the show is how much the intent of portraiture has remained consistent. This is most evident in a compilation of video portraits done for Esquire, where each subject was filmed working in a cubicle for an hour by a slew of cameras. Each chose their activity, presenting themselves for posterity like modern nobles in their finery. **HANNA HOWARD (EXPRESS)**

● *National Portrait Gallery, 8th & F Streets NW; daily, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m., to July 10, 2011, free; 202-633-8300.*

A Little Healthy Competition

Annual Trawick Prize spotlights local artistic talent

Gallery

Following a five-month jurying of works by top artists in the District, Maryland and Virginia, D.C.'s Sara Pomerance was named the winner of this year's $10,000 Trawick Prize Wednesday.

Pomerance's work, along with that of 10 other finalists, will be on view through Sept. 25 at a pop-up gallery in Bethesda. This year's show was curated by Harry Cooper of the National Gallery of Art; Robert Haywood, deputy director of Baltimore's Contemporary Museum; and Emily Smith, a curatorial fellow at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Carol Trawick, the founder and primary supporter of the prize, established the award in 2003. "It's important that people ... are aware of the depth of artistic talent right here in our own backyard," Trawick said. "In today's world — it's such a small world — who needs New York or Paris? Artists can live anywhere and create great art."

ADAM DAVIES

Trawick finalists included Adam Davies and his "Marconi Station, Wellfleet, MA."

Contestants must be locally based, but three of this year's finalists originally hail from the former Soviet Union, China and the United Kingdom. "It is definitely a very mixed group, one that's reflective of our population," Trawick said. The exhibit will also be an eclectic arrangement of installation art, painting, video, sculpture and photography. At an opening reception Sept. 10, the artists will discuss the processes behind their works.

"I think that's what makes creativity come full circle," said Trawick. "A concept, an idea, is still in the individual's head. The successful artist is capable of bringing that out and implementing it and communicates it ... It's that whole connecting. We can't all be artists but we can appreciate those among us — the creative individuals. If we appreciate them, it enriches our lives." **ROSEMARY DORSETT (EXPRESS)**

● *Trawick Gallery, 4728 Hampden Lane, Bethesda; Wed.-Sat., noon-6 p.m., to Sept. 25, free; 301-215-6660.*

Hey, Good Lookin'

KARIM SHAMSI-BASHA

BEING THE PROGENY of a country-music legend leaves some big shoes to fill — and Hank Williams III has two sets to contend with. But Hank III, who plays Sunday at the 9:30 Club, has a punk-tinged sound all his own. Check out our live-show review Monday on Expressnightout.com.

Songz For Hot Summer Nightz

Trey Songz is back with a new disc that shows he's more than a pretty face

Music

KEVIN WINTER/GETTY

In the past year, Trey Songz has invented sex, made you say "aah" and ensured that the neighbors know his name. If you haven't heard any of those songs, then you haven't turned on the radio, have you?

And that was the entire point of Trey Songz's third album, 2009's "Ready," the R&B crooner said.

"Crossover," Songz said when asked if "Ready" had a specific theme. "My initial interest was doing talent shows, and you know, music was far from real. And 10 years later: headlining tour, branding opportunities. I think it's grown far beyond what I could paint, what picture I could paint."

Songz, who performs with Monica at DAR Constitution Hall Saturday, said that album's lead single, "I Need A Girl," was calculated to break him through to the mainstream. "It was a very radio-geared record which would do great and play on radio heavily during whatever time," he said. "It wasn't a record I expected to last forever, or one I was even excited about singing, but it was a record I knew would do well. And 'I Invented Sex,' I thought that would be a career-defining record, and I knew 'Say Aah' would be a monster club record."

Sex and love feature strongly in Songz's music, but the singer is quick to point out that he's no one-trick pony. "I am singing about sex every so often," he said. "It shadows whatever else I sing about, so do I sing about sex? Yes, of course. Is that all I sing about? No."

> **"My place in music is yet to be determined. I'm only scratching the surface of my potential."**

This is Songz' first headlining tour, an experience he describes as "amazing."

"Monica is a great, great partner to have out there," he said. "She's an amazing representation of what happens when you stick with it and you go through so much and endure through it all. And you know, my fanbase is strong out there. It's good to be able to go city to city and see so many different fans loving the music I make.

Songz said fans can expect something different from his upcoming fourth album, "Passion, Pain & Pleasure," which drops Sept. 14. "I think people should kill their expectancies and go get the album and listen to it," he said. "My place in music is yet to be determined, really, because I'm only scratching the surface of my potential at this point." ROXANA HADADI

● *DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D St. NW; With Monica, Sat., 8 p.m., sold out; 202-628-4780, Dar.org. (Farragut West or Farragut North)*

Pop-Up Goes The World

Museums

James Cameron has said that soon, movies won't be advertised as being 3-D — that's just the way all movies will be made. But way before "Avatar," audiences could head to the bookstore for a 3-D fix.

"Paper Engineering: Fold, Pull, Pop & Turn," at the National Museum of American History, brings together nearly 500 years worth of multi-dimensional books with moving parts and pop-up surprises. These books were originally designed with an adult audience in mind: Descartes' 1662 "Renatus Des Cartes de Homine" employs layers of engraved images to demonstrate the inner workings of the body, while Hans Blücher's 1912 "Moderne Technik" uses the same methods to illuminate the principles behind a steam train.

In the 18th century, bookmakers finally turned their sights to a younger demographic. Dean and Sons' 1850 "Cinderella, or the Little Glass Slipper" and Stacey Grimaldi's 1824 "A Suit of Armour for Youth" are squarely aimed at children and feature cartoon characters and pull-tabs.

The exhibit covers the art form into the modern era: Contemporary works by some of today's greatest paper artists, such as David Carter ("One Red Dot"), Matthew Reinhart ("Star Wars: A Pop-Up Guide to the Galaxy") and David Hawcock ("Pop-Up Stand-Out Dinosaurs"), are also on display.

COURTESY NMAH

The National Museum of American History looks at pop-up books as early 3-D.

With over 50 works on hand, "Paper Engineering" is one of the most ambitious displays of its kind. And all of this will cost you a lot less than seeing "Avatar" again, which sounds good in any dimension. NEVIN MARTELL

● *National Museum of American History, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily, ongoing, free; 202-633-1000.*

A Weekend in the City

ROGER SARGEANT

FOR A BAND that wears its influences on its sleeve, Bloc Party manages to sidestep the "derivative" label altogehter and go straight for "dance-off." The notoriously shy Kele Okereke takes his solo act to the 9:30 Club Thursday.

Weekend Pass | entertainment

take five

PATTI PERRET

Ashley Bell stars as Nell Sweetzer in Daniel Stamm's "The Last Exorcism."

1 Takers
After a brief attempt at being a homicidal "Entourage," "Takers" eventually settles into a caper-flick groove, largely because it takes its cues from some far superior films, namely "Oceans 11/12/13."

2 The Last Exorcism
Drawing inspiration from the documentary style of "The Blair Witch Project," director Daniel Stamm creates an anxious, psychological horror film that's vaguely familiar yet refreshingly original.

3 The Expendables
Drenched in mayhem and machismo, and overstuffed with explosions, this is a movie designed to leave filmgoers feeling not so much pumped as pummeled into submission. With Sylvester Stallone.

4 Eat Pray Love
Director Ryan Murphy's adaptation of Elizabeth Gilbert's blockbuster memoir follows the author (played by Julia Roberts) as she recovers from a disastrous divorce and general spiritual ennui on a yearlong trip through Italy, India and Bali.

5 The Other Guys
"The Other Guys" takes stuff that, as a rule, isn't particularly funny, and tries to make you laugh. More often than not, this comedy about a pair of wildly mismatched cops (Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell) succeeds.

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Slings, Arrows and Harleys

Season two of 'Sons of Anarchy' serves up guns, girls and Bard-level drama

DVD

The first season of FX's "Sons of Anarchy" took cues from "Hamlet," with a conflicted son, a domineering father and plenty of betrayal and violence. The show may have moved away from Shakespeare in last year's second season, but it's still tragic as anything the Bard ever wrote.

Since September 2008, when the series premiered on FX, "Sons of Anarchy" has plunged viewers into a world of girls and guns as the members of SAMCRO do their best to protect their motorcycle club and their town, Charming.

By the first season's end, SAMCRO was on the verge of collapse. But the second season of "SOA" — out now on DVD — is less about infighting than it is about unity in the face of danger. The season opens with a new Big Bad in the form of racist Ethan Zobelle (Adam Arkin), leader of the League of American Nationalists, a white separatist organization with dark plans for Charming. Zobelle, his daughter Polly (Sarah Jones) and main crony A.J. Weston (Henry Rollins) don't play around: The group orchestrates the rape of SAMCRO matriarch Gemma (Katey Sagal) and tries to get Deputy Police Chief David Hale (Taylor Sheridan) to play along.

PRASHANT GUPTA

Season two of "Sons of Anarchy" has all the violence and betrayal of Shakespeare.

As the second season progresses, SAMCRO beats up on porn producer Georgie (Tom Arnold), who is trying to encroach on one of the club's few legitimate businesses; Gemma sets out to exact revenge on Weston and his crew; and Chibs (Tommy Flanagan) struggles to find a way to protect his estranged family from IRA violence.

The audio commentary alone on the game-changing season finale, "Na Trioblóidí," makes the DVD set well worth purchasing. Other great extras include a pleasantly lighthearted gag reel and two featurettes, "The Moral Code of 'Sons of Anarchy'" and 'Sons of Anarchy' Roundtable," which offer a look at how Sutter researched real-life clubs and insight into how the show's actors relate to their characters.

The set is a must for both for longtime fans and those looking to get into "SOA" in time for its third season premiere on Tuesday, Sept. 7. As Hunnam says in one of the featurettes, SAMCRO members "live in a manner that some may find distasteful." But it's so riveting to watch. **ROXANA HADADI**

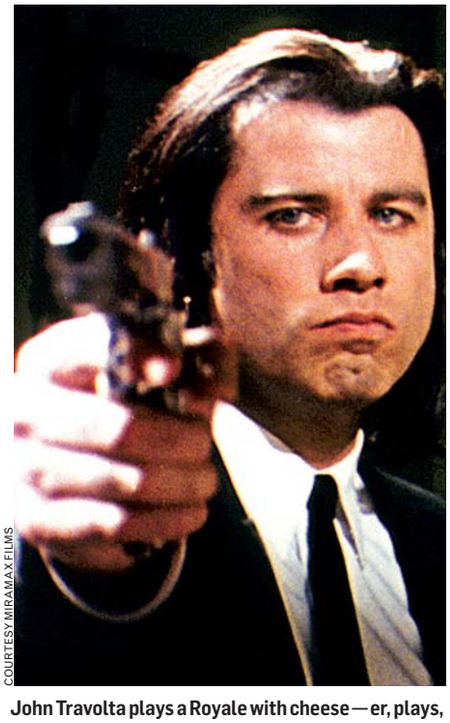
indies & arties

WRITTEN BY EXPRESS' SHAUNA MILLER

Be Cool, Honey Bunny

We have Quentin Tarantino to thank for so much that was good about the '90s: The popularization of humorous violence and dialogue-heavy duo scenes. Bruce Willis' comeback. Surf music's comeback. Barefoot Uma Thurman-with-chest-syringe Halloween costumes forever. Pam Grier's comeback. John Travolta's comeback. (To think, there may never have been a "Battlefield Earth" otherwise.) Movies that define the decades in which they're made run the risk of getting worn out — how many times can you really sit through detention with "The Breakfast Club"? — but Tarantino's 1994 "Pulp Fiction" is like the "Where's Waldo" of ultra-violent exploitation flicks, with new little clues revealing themselves with each successive viewing. This was only his second film, and it's interesting to watch after reviewing his later films, done with much bigger budgets (and ego). This is a movie that changed the way film and television looked, and it deserves its due late at night and on a big screen, where you can yell along with Samuel L. Jackson properly

▶ *Landmark's E Street Cinema, 555 11th St. NW; Fri. & Sat. at midnight, $10; 202-452-7672. (Metro Center)*



COURTESY MIRAMAX FILMS

John Travolta plays a Royale with cheese — er, plays, Vincent Vega — in Quentin Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction."

Maggots, Michael

Sleep all day. Party all night. Never grow old. Director Joel Schumacher's "The Lost Boys" made the vampire lifestyle look pretty sweet, decades before "Twilight" and with nary a sparkle. You lived on the boardwalk near Santa Cruz, got your own cave where you could jam to some Echo & the Bunnymen, babes (Jami Gertz) hung around, everyone wore leather and you only had to deal with the occasional maggot-rice prank. Feeding on the blood of the living is a pretty minor detail. At its core, "The Lost Boys" is less a horror flick than a coming-of-age movie — vampire transition as puberty metaphor, anyone? — and part of its sweetness is in how viscerally the two Coreys (Haim and Feldman, together at last) resist the temptations that pull on the older teens (Jason Patric, trying to out-cool Kiefer Sutherland). But it's harsh when the cruel irony of '80s movies extends right into cast members' untimely demises; back in '87, no one could have predicted that the squeaky-clean Haim would end up a real-life lost boy. ▶ *AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; Fri. & Sun., 9:30 p.m., $8.50; 301-495-6720. (Silver Spring)*

top stops WEEKEND

1 Dance Revolution

Though much of what is traditional in D.C. is boring — tie clips, overdone burgers, sordid affairs — some cultural traditions should stick around. Example: The KanKouran West African Dance Company will present some awesome (traditional!) drumming and dancing Saturday night. ➜ *Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; Sat., 8 p.m., $25-$30; 202-994-6800, Lisner.org. (Foggy Bottom)*

2 Presidential Material

The museum in President Lincoln's cottage is small, which might explain why they're so careful with the fascinating exhibits they put in it. The newest is "Being Lincoln," which looks at people who make their living impersonating our greatest President. It takes a lot more than a beard to be Lincoln — or Santa, for that matter. ➜ *President Lincoln's Cottage, Rock Creek Church Road and Upshur Street NW; daily, through July 31, 2011, $12; 202-829-0436, Lincolncottage.org. (Georgia Ave.-Petworth)*

3 Write Now

The Writer's Center knows that there are all kinds of writers, and Friday's Story/Stereo performance bears that out. Two authors, Aryn Kyle and Allison Benis White, will read from their works before a musical performance by John Davis (of Q and Not U, Georgie James and Title Tracks). ➜ *The Writer's Center, 4508 Walsh St., Bethesda; Fri., 8 p.m., free; 301-654-8664, Writer.org. (Bethesda)*

4 Take Ye Olde Minivan

The Maryland Renaissance Festival is basically like stepping back in time several hundred years, except that almost everyone has recently bathed and brushed their teeth and all the food costs about a thousand percent more. But on the plus side, you don't have to be anybody's serf. ➜ *1821 Crownsville Road, Annapolis; weekends through Oct. 24, $7-$18; 800-296-7304, Rennfest.com.*

5 Ladies and Gentlemen ...

Justin Bieber, hero of preteens and blow-dryer manufacturers everywhere, is performing at the Maryland State Fair. Wait, stop screaming. Dear lord. STOP SCREAMING. Fine, go scream outside his concert, or go scream on Craigslist. Bring some smelling salts. ➜ *Maryland State Fairgrounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium, Md.; Sun., 7 p.m., sold out; 410-252-0200, Marylandstatefair.com.*

Compiled by Express' Fiona Zublin. Find more of our daily picks — and see what's coming up this weekend — at expressnightout.com/topstops.

the scene

Sound

➜ THURSDAY

9:30 Club: Kele of Bloc Party, Does It Offend You Yeah?, Innerpartysystem, 6:30 p.m., $25.

Birchmere: Cherryholmes, Tim Eriksen, Riley Baugus, 7:30 p.m., $25.

Black Cat: Fu Manchu, Black Tusk, 8 p.m., $15.

Blues Alley: Eddie Daniels & Bob James Project, Peter Erskine, 8 & 10 p.m., $45.

DC9: April Smith and the Great Picture Show, Lay Low, 8:30 p.m., $10.

Iota: The Brew, Blue James Band, 9 p.m., $12.

Jammin Java: Thee Original Judge, Open 24, MOJO, Lucky Dub, 8 p.m., $10-$13.

Jiffy Lube Live: Jimmy Buffett, 8 p.m., $48.50-$157.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage: Guitarist Rogério Souza Silva, accordion player Jose Mauricio Barretto Parreiras Horta and percussionist João Souza Hermeto, 6 p.m., free.

The Red & the Black: The Franchise, 9 p.m., $6.

Rock & Roll Hotel: The Beautiful Girls, Passafire, Orgone, GroundScore, 7 p.m., $12-$15.

Twins Jazz: Adam Wines Jazz Group, 8 & 10 p.m., $10.

U Street Music Hall: Nadastrom, 10 p.m., $5.

Velvet Lounge: Machines on Vacation, the Nice Trys, 7:30 p.m., $8.

➜ FRIDAY

9:30 Club: Hotspur, Crash Boom Bang, Sing Me Insomnia, The Narrative, Rustbelt City, 6:30 p.m., $15.

Birchmere: Nils Lofgren, 7:30 p.m., $45.

Black Cat: Mondo Topless, The Blackberry Belles, the Electric Mess, 9 p.m., $10.

Iota: Yeveto, 9 p.m., $10.

Jammin Java: Future, Mantras, Among Criminals, 9 p.m., $10-$13.

Jaxx: Almost Queen (Queen tribute), 7:30 p.m., $12-$15.

Rams Head Onstage: Tripvine, Always Better Tomorrow, Synonyms for Sound, Vagus, Say Silence, 7 p.m., $9.

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The Red & the Black: Dirty Bomb, the Chariots, 9 p.m., $8.
Rock & Roll Hotel: Hot Hot Heat, 22-20s, Hey Rosetta!, 9:30 p.m., $15.
State Theatre: Mac McAnally, 7 p.m., $21.
Twins Jazz: David Lighton Quartet, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.
Velvet Lounge: Night and the City, Hot Cha Cha, Screen Vinyl Image, Hiding Places, 10 p.m., $8.

→ SATURDAY

9:30 Club: Cowboy Mouth, Crooked Crow, 8 p.m., $25.
Birchmere: Nils Lofgren, 7:30 p.m., $45.
Black Cat: "Black Cat 17th Anniversary Party" featuring Above the Silence, Autograph by Proxy, Brick[expletive], Bruise Riot, FMRM, The Guilt, Hot Mess, Oh So Peligroso, Sobresaliente, Triangle Shirt Factory, Wise Old Lions, 8 p.m., $5.
Comet Ping Pong: City Folk, Loose Lips, 10:30 p.m., $8.
DC9: Kids, 9 p.m., $6.
Iota: Eileen Jewell, 9 p.m., $12.
Jammin Java: The Downtown Fiction, Struan Shields, New Crystal Dolls, 5:30 & 9 p.m., $12.
Jiffy Lube Live: Jimmy Buffet, 8 p.m., $48.50-$157.
Rams Head Onstage: Hero, Blackheart Ace, Dead End Kidz, A New Disorder, Southlawn Band, Slash, 7 p.m., $9.
The Red & the Black: Solar Powered Sun Destroyer, Bronzed Chorus, 9 p.m., $8.
Rock & Roll Hotel: Poor Man's Lobster, Kid Architect, Dub City Renegadesm Mojo, 9 p.m., $10.
Velvet Lounge: Rangda, Major Stars, Kohoutek, 10 p.m., $10.

→ SUNDAY

9:30 Club: Hank III and Assjack, 7 p.m., $20.
Birchmere: Nils Lofgren, 7:30 p.m., $45.
Black Cat: DJ Dredd, 9 p.m., $13-$15.
Blues Alley: Lin Roundtree, 8 & 10 p.m., $20.
Iota: Stan Ridgway, 8 p.m., $15.
Jammin Java: "Jammin' Java's Songwriters' Circle - A Tribute to Bruce Springsteen", 7 p.m., $12-$15.
Jaxx: Misery Index, 6:30 p.m., $10-$12.
State Theatre: The Latin Rock Invasion, 4 p.m., $15.
Twins Jazz: Zeebop Trio, 8 & 10 p.m., $10.
Velvet Lounge: Luego, Turtle Buddy, Luego, 9 p.m., $8.

→ MONDAY

9:30 Club: Marina and the Diamonds, Young the Giant, 7 p.m., $15.
Bohemian Caverns: Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra, 8 p.m., $7.
Galaxy Hut: The Visitations, Buck Gooter, 9 p.m., $5.
Iota: Sam Amidon, 8 p.m., $12.
The Red & the Black: Maybarduk, Justyn with a Y, Peach Stealing Monkeys, 9 p.m., $6.

A Girl's Best Friend

ATLANTIC RECORDS

DIAMOND DOLL: Coming off the release of her debut album "The Family Jewels," Marina Diamandis, better known as "Marina and the Diamonds," stops in at 9:30 club on Monday. The Welsh and Greek singer, who eschews being lumped in with her contemporaries from across the pond (Kate Nash, Lily Allen) has been compared to Regina Spektor and Elvis Costello.

venues

→ **9:30 CLUB:** 815 V ST. NW; 202-265-0930, 930.COM.
→ **BIRCHMERE:** 3701 MT. VERNON AVE., ALEXANDRIA; 703-549-7500, BIRCHMERE.COM.
→ **BLACK CAT:** 1811 14TH ST. NW; 202-667-7960, BLACKCATDC.COM.
→ **BLUES ALLEY:** 1073 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-337-4141, BLUESALLEY.COM.
→ **BOHEMIAN CAVERNS:** 2001 11TH ST. NW; 202-299-0800, BOHEMIANCAVERNS.COM.
COMET PING PONG: 5037 CONNECTICUT AVE. NW; 202-364-0404.
→ **DC NINE:** 1940 9TH ST. NW; 202-483-5000, DCNINE.COM.
→ **IOTA:** 2832 WILSON BLVD., ARLINGTON; 703-522-8340, IOTACLUBANDCAFE.COM.
→ **JAMMIN JAVA:** 227 MAPLE AVE. E., VIENNA, VA.; 703-255-1566, JAMMINJAVA.
→ **JAXX:** 6355 ROLLING ROAD, SPRINGFIELD, VA.; 703-569-5940, JAXXROXX. COM. COM.
→ **JIFFY LUBE LIVE:** 7800 CELLAR DOOR DR., BRISTOW, VA.; 800-551-7328, TICKETMASTER.COM
→ **RAMS HEAD ONSTAGE:** 33 WEST ST., ANNAPOLIS; 410-268-4545, RAMSHEADONSTAGE.COM .
→ **THE RED & THE BLACK:** 1212 H ST. NE; 202-399-3201, REDANDBLACKBAR. COM.
→ **ROCK & ROLL HOTEL:** 1353 H ST. NE; 202-388-7625, ROCKANDROLL HOTELDC.COM.
→ **STATE THEATRE:** 220 N. WASHINGTON, FALLS CHURCH; 703-237-0300, THESTATETHEATRE.COM.
→ **TWINS JAZZ:** 344 U ST. NW; 202-234-0072, TWINSJAZZ.COM.
→ **U STREET MUSIC HALL:** 1115 U ST. NW; 202-588-1880, USTREETMUSICHALL.COM.
→ **VELVET LOUNGE:** 915 U ST. NW; 202-462-3213, VELVETLOUNGEDC.COM.

Sight

1275 Pennsylvania Ave: "Sculpture 1275: Chris Bathgate," metal sculpture by machinist Chris Bathgate, through Sept. 24. 1275 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 301-891-1728, Washingtonsculptors.org.
Addison/Ripley Fine Art: "Watercolors: Patricia Tobacco Forrester," through March 6. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-338-5180, Addisonripleyfineart.com.
Alexandria Black History Museum: Exhibitions highlighting Alexandria's history, ongoing. 902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-746-4356, Oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc.
American Painting: "A Washington, D.C. Vacation," the Washington Society of Landscape Painters will display their paintings of the District, through Sept. 11. 5118 MacArthur Blvd. NW; 202-244-3244.
Anacostia Community Museum: "Separate and Unequaled: Black Baseball in the District of Columbia," an examination of the popularity of the national pastime when played by black Americans. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-4820, Anacostia.si.edu.
Athenaeum: "Shelf Life/Mary 'Mimi' Frank," welded steel rod sculpture, through Sept. 12. 201 Prince St., Alexan-

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dria; 703-548-0035, Nvfaa.org.

Archives of American Art: "Lists: To-dos, Illustrated Inventories, Collected Thoughts and Other Artists' Enumerations," through Sept. 27. 750 9th St. NW; 202-633-7940, Aaa.si.edu.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Gods of Angkor: Bronzes From the National Museum of Cambodia," through Jan. 23; "Perspectives: Hai Bo," desolation finds a gentle edge in these photographs, through Feb. 27. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE The Art League: "Alice," illustrations of Lewis Carroll's Alice by CM Dupre, through Sept. 5. 120 American Way, Oxon Hill, Md. "Scapes," annual landscape exhibit, through Sept. 6. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-683-1780, Theartleague.org.

Art Whino Gallery: "It's Not a Trick," Artist LECKOmio looks at the relationship between street art and its subculture, opens Sat., through Sept. 15. 173 Waterfront St., National Harbor; 301-567-8210, Artwhino.com.

BayFirst Solutions: "Deaf Artists Exhibit," works of varying aesthetic and form created by deaf artists from the 1930s through present day, through Sept. 30. 6856 Eastern Ave. NW, Suite 100; 202-567-2186.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Chuck Close Prints: Process and Collaboration," more than 100 works from renowned artist Chuck Close, through Sept. 26; "American Bronzes"; "Sculpture From the Mouse House: The Olga Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, Corcoran.org.

Cross MacKenzie Ceramic Arts: "Button Boxes," Elizabeth Kendall's clay wall pieces inspired by her grandmother's sewing, through Sept. 15. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-333-7970, Crossmacken-

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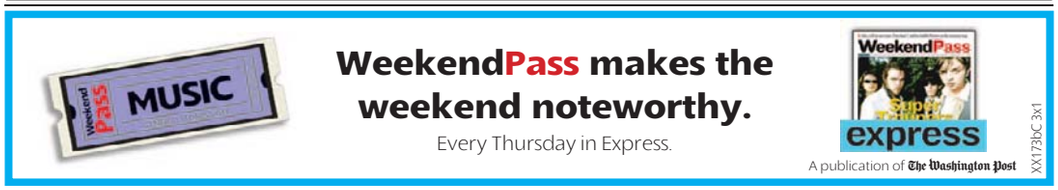

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LAST CHANCE DAR Museum: "Honoring Lafayette: Contemporary Quilts from France and America," through Sept. 4. 1776 D St. NW; 202-879-3241, Dar.org/museum.

Del Ray Artisans: "From Our Perspective," 200 years of photographic experience, opens Fri., through Sept. 19. 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Alexandria; 703-838-4827, Thedelrayartisans.org.

LAST CHANCE Flashpoint Gallery: "Matthew Mann: The Cinecitta Chapel," a surreal and humorous contemporary adaptation of Renaissance frescoes, through Sept. 4. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, Flashpointdc.org.

LAST CHANCE Folger Shakespeare Library: "Lost at Sea: The Ocean in the English Imagination, 1550-1750," a collection of artifacts such as charts and nautical instruments offers visitors the chance to consider the peril of sailing the seas in the 1500s through the 1700s, through Sept. 4. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600, Folger.edu.

Foundry Gallery: "Abstract Blues," Donna McGee's oil-spill inspired water paintings, through Sept. 26. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203, Foundrygallery.org.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Cornucopia: Ceramics From Southern Japan," through Jan. 9; "Masterpieces of Chinese Painting," through Nov. 28. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

Gallery 555: "Mila Kagan: Acrylic on Canvas," "Alan Binstock: Glass," both through Oct. 8. 555 12th St. NW; 202-393-1409, Gallery555dc.com.

Gallery at AYN Studio: "Pretty Things, Little Treasures and Hidden Meanings," collages inspired by reflection on the role of women in society, through Sept. 17. 923 F St. NW; 202-271-9475, Aynstudio.com.

Gallery at Convergence: "Fear," an exhibit about phobias, opens Fri., through Sept. 29. 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria; 703-998-6260, Convergenceccf.net.

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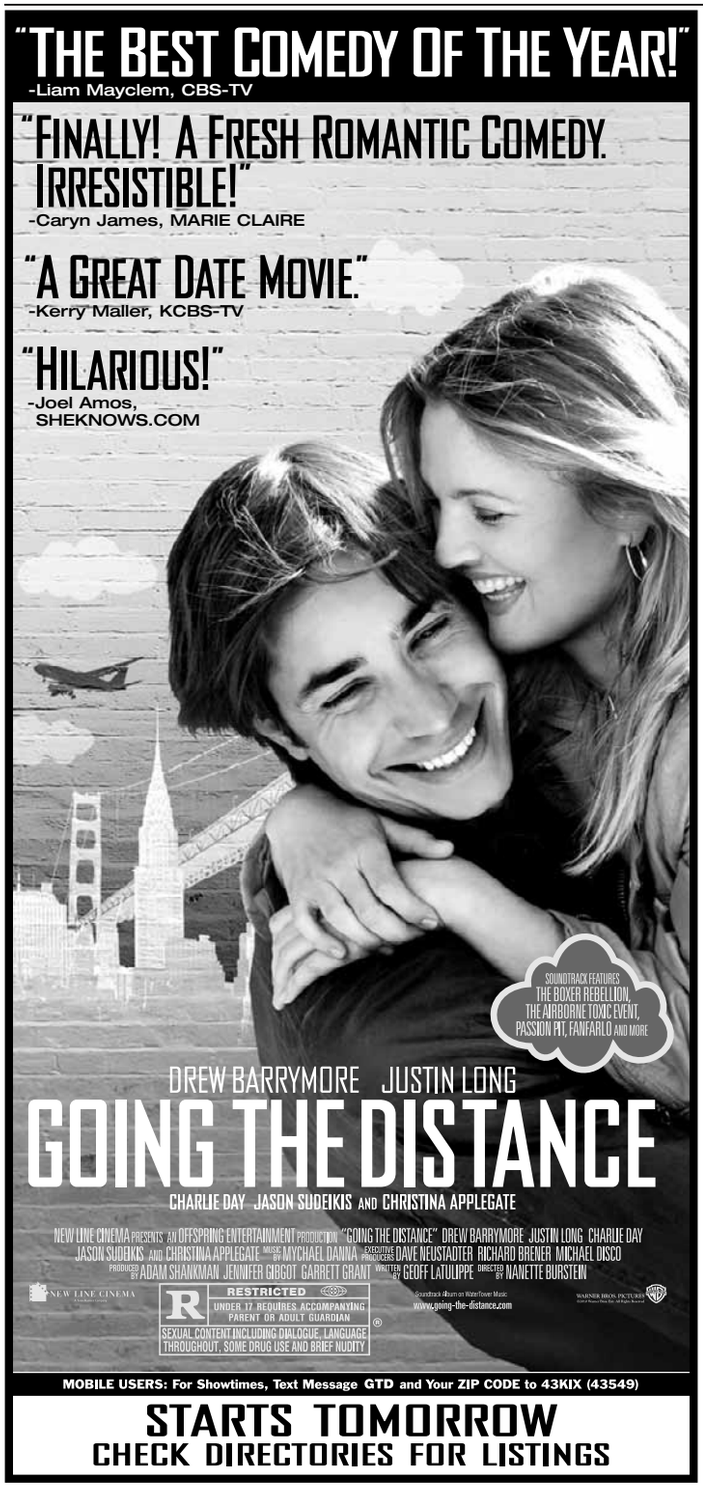

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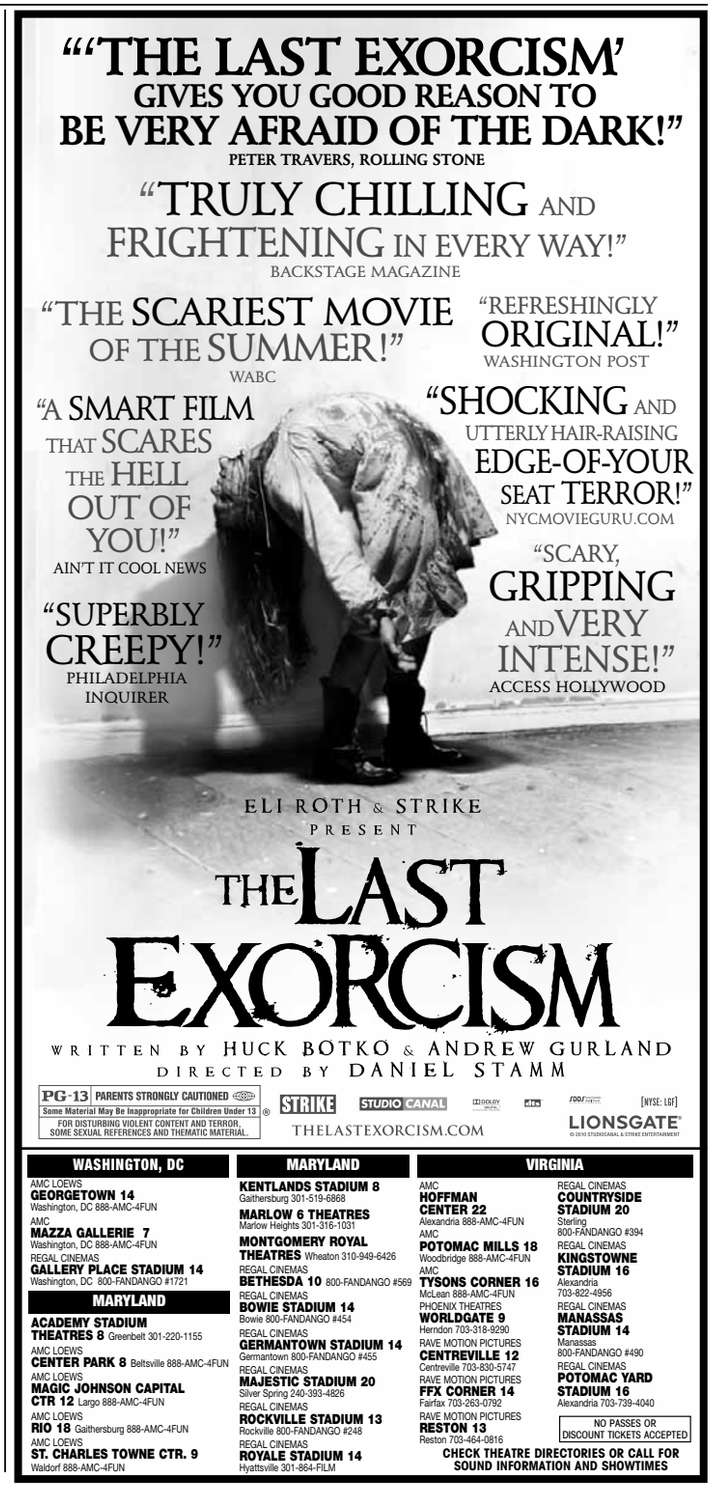

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Henry L. Stimson Center: "Fearless Flying!" Marian Osher's mixed-media paintings of the Earth and clouds, through Sept. 16. 1111 19th St. NW; 301-273-3660, Washingtonprintmakers.com.

Hirshhorn: "Yves Klein: With the Void, Full Powers," cryptic work from the French painter, through Sept. 12; "Black Box: Superflex," through Nov. 28; "ColorForms," abstract art explores the limits of color, through Jan. 2. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Hirshhorn.si.edu.

Honfleur Gallery: "East of the River," photography, drawings and paintings from Anacostia natives, through Sept. 10. 1241 Good Hope Road SE; 202-580-5972, Honfleurgallery.com.

LAST CHANCE Irvine Contemporary: "Introductions 6," annual exhibition of works by recent art college graduates, through Sept. 4. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, Irvinecontemporary.com.

Jerusalem Fund Gallery: "the light thread. the dark thread," Anna Kipervaser's Egyptian-inspired artwork, through Sept. 10. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, Thejerusalemfund.org.

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All In The Family

COURTESY CHERRYHOLMES

RELATIVELY SPEAKING: Four-time Grammy-nominated Cherryholmes come to the Birchmere Hall Thursday night. Based out of Nashville, Tenn., the family band plays a rich mixture of bluegrass, Celtic and jazz tunes. They'll be performing both traditonal songs and original music from their latest album "Common Threads," released in June.

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PATRIK, AGE 1.5 (NR) (4:50)9:30
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ANIMAL KINGDOM (R) (2:05, 4:35)7:05, 9:35
LEBANON (R) (12:45, 3:00, 5:15)7:30, 9:45
THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (R) (12:50)6:30, 9:15
THE EXTRA MAN (R) (3:40)

The Avalon Theatre
The Avalon Theatre — www.theavalon.org

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FAREWELL (NR) 5:30 P.M.
INCEPTION (PG–13) 2:00, 8:00

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THE AMERICAN (R) 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05

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THE SWITCH (PG–13) 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 2:25, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 4:20, 7:30, 10:30
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 2:40 P.M.
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SALT (PG–13) 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

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Regal Gallery Place Stadium — www.regmovies.com

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INCEPTION (PG–13) 4:30, 7:30

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Silver Spring — www.afi.com/silver

THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25
THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (R) 12:30, 3:05, 5:45, 8:30
A KING IN NEW YORK (G) 4:45 P.M.
THE NEVERENDING STORY (PG) 7:00 P.M.
DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN (PG–13) 9:15 P.M.

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
Bethesda — www.landmarktheatres.com

MESRINE: KILLER INSTINCT (R) (1:50, 4:20)7:10, 9:50
ANIMAL KINGDOM (R) (1:30, 3:55)6:30, 9:00
GET LOW (PG–13) (2:00, 4:30)7:00, 9:30
CAIRO TIME (PG) (12:30, 2:45, 5:00)7:20, 9:40
THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) (2:15, 4:45)7:15, 9:45
MAO'S LAST DANCER (PG) (1:00, 4:00)6:50, 9:25
THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (R) (1:15, 4:05)7:05, 9:55
THE AMERICAN (R) (12:00, 2:30, 4:50)7:25, 10:00

AMC Loews Center Park
Beltsville — www.amctheatres.com

TAKERS (PG–13) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00
LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:50, 8:30
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:15
NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 1:40, 4:30, 7:15
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VAMPIRES SUCK (PG–13) 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:45
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:30
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00

AMC Loews White Flint
Kensington — www.amctheatres.com

THE AMERICAN (R) 1:00, 3:30, 6:00, 8:30
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 1:30, 4:45, 8:00
THE SWITCH (PG–13) 1:50, 5:00, 7:30
INCEPTION (PG–13) 1:15, 4:30, 7:45
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 2:05, 5:15, 8:15

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center
Largo — www.amctheatres.com

GOING THE DISTANCE (R) 12:01 A.M.
MACHETE (R) 12:01 A.M.
THE AMERICAN (R) 11:00, 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
TAKERS (PG–13) 11:10, 12:55, 1:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:10, 10:15, 11:20
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 11:30, 1:25, 2:40, 3:45, 5:10, 6:00, 7:50, 8:40, 10:20
PIRANHA 3D (R) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
IN DIGITAL 3-D
LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) 11:15, 1:40, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
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VAMPIRES SUCK (PG–13) 12:20, 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 9:45
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
STEP UP 3D (PG–13) 11:40, 2:25, 5:20, 8:00, 10:25
IN DIGITAL 3-D
INCEPTION (PG–13) 2:50 P.M.
CATS & DOGS: THE REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE (PG) 12:30 P.M.
DESPICABLE ME (PG) 11:05 A.M.

Regal Bethesda
Bethesda — www.regmovies.com

RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE (R) Advance Tickets Available
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 12:30, 2:55, 5:10, 7:20, 9:45
THE SWITCH (PG–13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
PIRANHA 3D (R) 1:30, 3:50, 6:00, 8:10, 10:20
VAMPIRES SUCK (PG–13) 12:50, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 9:55
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10
SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 12:30
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:25
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20
INCEPTION (PG–13) 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:05

Regal Majestic Cinema
Silver Spring — www.regmovies.com

RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE (R) Advance Tickets Available
THE AMERICAN (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
TAKERS (PG–13) 1:15, 1:55, 2:45, 3:35, 4:40, 5:30, 6:05, 7:20, 8:00, 9:00, 9:50, 10:30
AVATAR: SPECIAL EDITION 3D (PG–13) 3:10, 6:45, 10:15
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 1:00, 2:10, 3:05, 4:20, 4:50, 5:15, 6:30, 7:10, 7:50, 8:40, 9:20, 9:55, 10:50
THE SWITCH (PG–13) 2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05
NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (PG) 1:40, 4:10, 6:55, 9:45
LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) 1:35, 3:55, 6:20, 8:50, 11:10
PIRANHA 3D (R) 1:20, 3:30, 6:00, 8:25, 10:40
VAMPIRES SUCK (PG–13) 1:50, 2:40, 3:50, 6:25, 8:35, 10:35
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 3:15, 6:15, 9:15
SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 4:00, 6:35, 9:05
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 2:05, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30
STEP UP 3 (PG–13) 8:15, 10:45
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 1:10, 3:40, 6:40, 9:10
SALT (PG–13) 2:00, 4:35, 7:00, 9:35
INCEPTION (PG–13) 2:35, 6:10, 9:25
DESPICABLE ME (PG) 1:05, 3:20, 5:50
TOY STORY 3 (G) 1:30 P.M.

Regal Royale Stadium
Hyattsville — www.regmovies.com

RESIDENT EVIL: AFTERLIFE (R) Advance Tickets Available
THE AMERICAN (R) 1:45, 4:15, 6:55, 9:40
THE LAST EXORCISM (PG–13) 1:05, 4:30, 7:35, 10:25
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INCEPTION (PG–13) 1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30

Long-Distance Dining

Want to get away and pamper yourself, but just can't take the time off? Instead of putting your life on hold for a week, consider a daytrip that's as self-indulgent as an island getaway. Dotted around D.C. are a number of worth-the-drive restaurants that will transport you to another world without depleting your vacation fund. But beware: All of these places will make you want to stay forever. NEVIN MARTELL

HYOSUB SHIN

At the Restaurant at Patowmack Farm, a gorgeous view and savory foods await guests looking to escape the city's hustle and bustle.

Restaurant at Patowmack Farm

The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm, which sits near the Maryland-Virginia border, relies heavily on its gorgeous surroundings and locally produced organic food to make guests smile. Patowmack is a working farm with 10 acres under cultivation, which provide all the restaurant's seasonal produce.

Executive Chef Chris Edwards then sources almost all of the remaining foodstuffs from the surrounding countryside. His modern American menu includes meats from Ayrshire Farms; beef from Hedgeapple Farm; and six different Virginian wines. The restaurant's new mixologist uses berries he gathers at the farm to create his signature blackberry julep, a summery-sweet — and strong — way to unwind after the trek out there.

Edwards' favorite way to de-stress is with a slow-cooked farm egg, which he features on his menu. "It's slowly poached in the shell, so it's soft, but not runny, almost like a custard," Edwards explained. "Then I melt a little bit of OberGood's Tomme goat cheese on top, add some bacon from Berkshire pigs and garnish it with a little truffle on top. Now that's comfort food." ● *The Restaurant at Patowmack Farm, 42461 Lovettsville Rd., Lovettsville, Va.; 540-822-9017, Patowmackfarm.com.*

GORDON BEALL

Entering the Inn at Little Washington's dining room, patrons feel as if they're not in Virginia anymore.

Volt

Just across the border from Patowmack Farm in Frederick, Md., sits Volt, the gastronomic playground of "Top Chef" star Bryan Voltaggio. Diners quickly realize that the young chef's recent rise to stardom is worth the hype after they taste his food, which changes by season and by whim. If you can get a reservation for table 21 in the kitchen, you should grab it. Guests there are treated to 21 courses from Voltaggio and his team, such as nitrogen-frozen coconut with vanilla and lavender. If that's booked, inquire about a table in Chef's Dining Room, which also looks into the open kitchen. Recent dishes on the tasting menu included seared scallops, pictured, Whitmore Farm rabbit prepared with yellow corn polenta, preserved lemon and glazed turnips, as well as Wagyu beef cheeks with summer truffles, Yukon gold potatoes and fava beans. ● *Volt, 228 North Market St., Frederick, Md.; 301-696-8658, Voltrestaurant.com.*

TIPS

No matter where you go to get away, O'Connell has some tips on how to get the most out of your culinary daytrip. "Diners should tell restaurants what they want and what their needs are," he said. "Come in smiling and start off with a compliment. Then, don't be afraid to give the staff feedback. You'll be amazed how far that will go towards making sure you have an unforgettable time."

Inn at Little Washington

The quintessential high-end local getaway is the Inn at Little Washington. Though it's less than 70 miles from D.C., when you arrive it feels like someone stamped your passport. "There's a time change when you get to us," joked Patrick O'Connell, chef and owner. Aside from serving some of the best food in the world, O'Connell and his staff have one goal in mind: to make sure all guests are at least registering a 9 out of 10 on the happiness scale by the end of their visit.

The Inn's staff goes to thoughtfully elaborate lengths. "If people aren't at the top of the scale when they walk through our door, we have to fix that," declared O'Connell. "It's our job to diagnose the situation, show the guest that you care about them, find out what the real problem is and then do everything we can to fix it. Sometimes that means bringing out a little surprise or bringing people back to the kitchen to meet me. Whatever we need to do to make someone enjoy themselves, we'll do it. And we have a 100 percent success rate." ● *The Inn at Little Washington, Middle and Main streets, Washington, Va.; 540-675-3800, Theinnatlittlewashington.com.*

JAMES M. THRESHER/TWP

Roasted eggplant ravioli is one tasty option at the Inn at Little Washington.

Hook, Line and Sinker

Red Hook Lobster Pound food truck is the catch of the day

Crustaceans

You can't miss the Red Hook Lobster Pound food truck. First, you catch the scent. Then, you hear the speakers blasting the B-52's "Rock Lobster" (naturally). Then, you see the line — which has recently stretched to more than 250 people long. Once you get closer, you might begin to wonder whether Parliament Funkadelic has a new stage prop, because this mobile eatery looks out of this world. A sign on its side proclaims "Spreading Lobstah Love," while red neon lights on the undercarriage give it a spaceship glow.

> **"We call ourselves the Five Guys of lobster rolls. We do one thing, and we do it really well."**

There's also no mistaking the man behind this wheeled wonderland: Leland Morris is decked out in a Red Hook Lobster Pound baseball cap and a lobster-print shirt. (He claimed to be wearing similarly themed boxer shorts, as well.) He and his partner, Doug Povich, have a straightforward formula for success. "We call ourselves the Five Guys of lobster rolls," Morris said. "We do one thing, and we do it really well."

Their lobster roll is no-frills: Maine lobster is brought down to D.C. several times a week and prepared simply with a homemade lemon mayo, finely diced celery, sea salt and white pepper. "It's an easy recipe," admitted Morris. "We want people to taste the lobster first and foremost." A heaping mound of this seafood salad is served on a buttered and griddled potato roll from J. J. Nissen in Massachusetts to complete the New England experience.

XIAOMEI CHEN

In his signature lobster-print shirt, Red Hook Lobster Pound owner Leland Morris brings New England fare to D.C. streets.

XIAOMEI CHEN

Lobster isn't the only shellfish feeling the love — a shrimp roll gets second billing.

The truck also sells shrimp rolls and whoopie pies, while the back boasts a one-of-a-kind Maine Root soda dispenser with eight options, including Root Beer, Black Cherry and Mexi-Vanilla Cola. "Everything we serve is nostalgia food for people," Morris says. "We deal in the classics."

Behind the counter or in the street, people are excitedly munching away and everyone looks happy. "The foundation for this idea was to go out and have a good time," Morris said. "We hope that people who come to the truck feel the same way." **NEVIN MARTELL**

● *Redhooklobsterdc.com; 202-341-6263.*

NEW ON THE MENU

Tomatoes are one of the most versatile ingredients in a chef's arsenal, since they can be contorted to complement savory or sweet dishes. Unfortunately, the tomato often doesn't get the center-stage attention it deserves. Chef Robert Weland at Poste (555 8th St. NW; 202-783-6060) is trying to correct that oversight with his **20 BITES HEIRLOOM TOMATO MENU**, which includes pairings with 20 hand-selected rosés. For six years, Weland and his team have kept a flourishing garden on Poste's patio. For 2010, they've grown 14 different heirloom tomato varietals, including Egg Yolk, Green Zebra and Yellow Taxi, planted next to raspberry brambles and some bushy asparagus. Weland's love affair with heirlooms began while growing up in southern New Jersey. "I can remember tasting warm tomatoes taken right off the vine with a little salt," he says. He has definitely captured that childhood memory with his new menu, which includes a chilled gazpacho served with a Dijon mustard ice cream and lardo-wrapped sea urchin drizzled with choron, a tomato-infused Hollandaise sauce. It looks like the tomato is finally getting its due. **N.M.**

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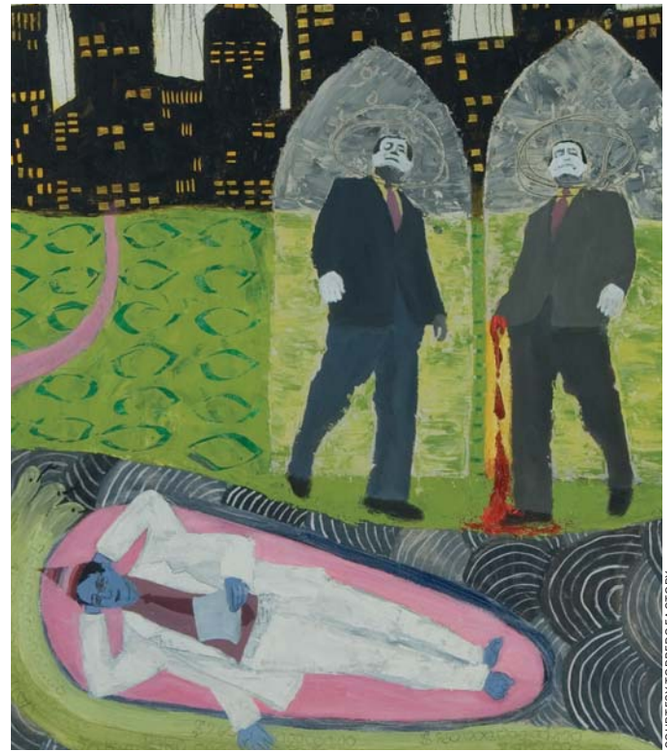

COURTESY TORPEDO FACTORY

DARK DAYS: From the 5th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina to the oil spill to the economic crisis, there doesn't seem to be much to celebrate. "Systems Failure," at the Torpedo Factory, showcases 39 artistic interpretations of current crises and the plight of the people who live and die through them.

the scene

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Katzen Arts Center: "Norse Soul: Edvard Munch, Social Democracy, Old Myths, Anarchy and Death Longings," through Oct. 17. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-244-3244.

Lincoln's Cottage: "Being Lincoln," an exhibit that looks at what it means to be Lincoln through reenactors and film portrayals, through July 31. Upshur Street at Rock Creek Church Road NW; 202-829-0436, Lincolncottage.org.

Mexican Cultural Institute: "Rethinking Tradition: Contemporary Design From Mexico," contemporary Mexican artists play with traditional craft and art forms, through Oct. 15. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628.

National Air and Space Museum: The largest collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft in the world, ongoing. 6th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Nasm.si.edu.

National Archives: "Discovering the Civil War: Part I," through Sept. 6. 700 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-357-5000, Archives.gov.

LAST CHANCE National Building Museum: "LEGO Architecture: Towering Ambition," architect and very patient fellow Adam Reed Tucker designed and built 15 miniature buildings using Legos, through Sept. 5. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, Nbm.org.

National Gallery of Art, East Building: "Edvard Munch: Master Prints," opens Sat., through Oct. 31; "In the Tower: Mark Rothko," through Jan. 2; "Alexander Calder Mobile"; **National Gallery of Art, West Building:** "The Body Inside and Out: Anatomical Literature and Art Theory," opens Sat., through Jan. 23; "Beat Memories: the Photographs of Allen Ginsberg," through Sept. 16. "German Master Drawings From the Wolfgang Ratjen Collection 1580-1900," through Nov. 28; "From Impressionism to Modernism: the Chester Dale Collection," through Jan. 2. Permanent exhibit, European and American paint-

ings, sculpture and decorative arts from the 13th through the 19th centuries. 6th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, Nga.gov.

National Geographic: "Design for the Other 90%," through Sept. 6; "Da Vinci, the Genius," a comprehensive traveling exhibition detailing the life and work of Leonardo da Vinci, through Sept. 12. "Rare: Photographs by Joel Sartore," Sartore captures more than 40 exotic and at-risk animals, through Oct. 11; "Simply Beautiful: Photos from National Geographic," through Feb. 6. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, Nationalgeographic.com/museum.

National Museum of African Art: "Grass Roots: African Origins of an American Art," this traveling exhibit highlights the coiled basket, through Nov. 28. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, Nmafa.si.edu.

National Museum of American History: "Paper Engineering: Fold, Pull, Pop & Turn," through Sept. 1, 2011. Ongoing exhibitions include "The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem"; "Abraham Lincoln: An Extraordinary Life"; "Lighting a Revolution"; "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America"; "Bon Appétit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian"; and many more. 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "Up Where We Belong: Native Musicians in Popular Culture" through Jan. 2; Displays about the history and culture of American Indians, permanent collection. 4th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Natural History: "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the

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Vantage Point

COURTESY YELLOW BARN GALLERY

VARYING VIEWS: The Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo's "Three Point Perspective" exhibit isn't about the kind of perspective you learned in middle school art. You know, the one that you connect with a few points and a ruler. Rather, the exhibit presents paintings from the eyes of three local artists — Barbara Pace, Debra Naylor and Jenny Brake.

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9TH ANNUAL PAGE-TO-STAGE

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Works by composers in Signature's American Musical Voices Project: Matt Conner, Adam Gwon, Marisa Michelson, Chris Miller, and Scott Davenport Richards.

7 TUE ★ Gianluca Pellerito Quartet
The 16-year-old Italian jazz drummer leads his ensemble in original tunes and swinging standards.
Presented in cooperation with the Embassy of Italy.

8 WED ★ Orquesta de Camara de Universidad de Panama
Created in 1992, the orchestra has represented the University of Panama at prominent events in venues around the world.
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9 THU ★ Luis Barcelos
Brazilian bandolin player Luis Barcelos joins forces with guitarist Caio Marcio dos Santos, who mixes *choro* music with jazz, flamenco, and funk, and drummer and percussionist Carlos Cesar Motta.
Presented in cooperation with the Embassy of Brazil in celebration of choro, *popularly called* chorinho.

10 FRI ★ Choro Livre
The group plays contemporary versions of *choro* classics as well as original compositions.
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SAT 11 ★ EUGENIA LEÓN

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September 11-October 1, the Kennedy Center commemorates Mexico's 200 years of independence and 100 years since the 1910 revolution.
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CONCERT HALL

11 SAT ★ Open House Arts Festival: Eugenia León
Eugenia León's repertoire pairs contemporary composers with traditional music of Latin America and Mexico.

12 SUN ★ Ballet Folklórico de la Universidad Veracruzana
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13 MON ★ Tlen Huicani
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15 WED ★ Fiesta Mexicana
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14 TUE ★ Roots Music Ambassadors
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17th-Century Chesapeake," through Jan. 2013, other permanent exhibitions. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, Mnh.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Body of Work: New Perspectives on Figurative Painting," part of the "Women to Watch 2010" series, through Sept. 12; "Dorothy Series," June Wayne illustrates her mother's life using photographs, documents and other memorabilia, through Sept. 13. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, Nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition 2009," through Sept. 6; "From FDR to Obama: Presidents on Time," through Sept. 26; "Americans Now," through June 19. Other permanent exhibitions. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-8300, Npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Inside Tim Russert's Office: If It's Sunday, It's 'Meet the Press,'" "First Dogs: Presidential Pets in the White House," both through Dec. 31. "Athlete: the Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter looss," through Jan. 16; "Elvis! His Groundbreaking, Hip-Shaking, Newsmaking Story," through Feb. 14. Ongoing permanent exhibitions illustrating the role of a free press in a free society. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, Newseum.org.

The Phillips Collection: "Pousette-Dart: Predominantly White Paintings," through Sept. 12. 1600 21st St. NW; Phillipscollection.org.

Pyramid Atlantic Art Center: "Director's Cut," 10 artist favorites of WPG director Annie Turner, through Sept. 26. 8230 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-273-3660, Washingtonprintmakers.com.

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The Textile Museum: "Art by the Yard: Women Design Mid-Century Britain," an examination of the changes in textile design post-WWII, through Sept. 12 ; "The Art of Living: Textile Furnishings From the Permanent Collection," through Jan. 9. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, Textilemuseum.org.

Torpedo Factory Art Center: "Systems Failure," an exhibition examining the crises facing people today, through Sept. 26; "Foreclosed Dreams," "House of String," both through Sept. 30. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, Torpedofactory.org.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Spuds Unearthed," through Oct. 11; permanent exhibitions of more than 4,000 plants and a tropical rain forest. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, Usbg.gov.

Woodrow Wilson House: "The Art of First Lady Ellon Axson Wilson: American Impressionist," through Apr. 10. 2340 S St. NW; 202-387-4062, Woodrowwilsonhouse.org.

Yellow Barn Gallery: "Three Point Perspective," the works of three local artists, opens Fri., through Sept. 6. 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Glen Echo, Md.; 301-371-5593, Yellowbarnstudio.com.

Zenith Gallery: "Trees of Life II," mixed-media representations of trees, through Sept. 6. 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-783-2963, Zenithgallery.com.

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Chess: A musical featuring Cold War intrigue, forbidden romance and 1980s rock 'n' roll, through Sept. 26, $55-$81. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-573-7328, Signature-theatre.org.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Circle of Praise: Blessings: KanKouran West African Dance Company presents their 27th Annual National African Dance & Drum Festival, Fri. - Sun., $15-$30. Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW; 202-518-1213, Kankouran.org.

Dinner With Friends: Donald Margulies' rueful comedy about dealing with divorce, through Sept. 26, $26-$54. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-3400, Olneytheatre.org.

In the Next Room: Or the Vibrator Play: Sara Ruhl's play about newfangled Victorian methods of curing hysteria in women, through Sept. 19, $30-$65. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; 202-312-5261, Woollymammoth.net.

Neutrino Video Project: Washington Improv Theater's stage and live video improv show, through Sept. 11, $15. Source, 1835 14th St. NW; 202-204-7770, Washingtonimprovtheater.com.

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Play Nice: A play about a poisoned mother and the children who might have done the deed, through Sept. 26. Venus Theatre, 21 C St. Laurel, Md.; 202-236-4078, Venustheatre.org.

Sink the Belgrano!: A satire of war and corruption set in Britain during the Falklands War of 1982, through Sept. 12, $25-$40. H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 703-683-2824, Scenatheater.org.

Something You Did: A political drama about an anti-war activist's attempt to win early release from prison, through Oct. 3, $35-$55. Theater J, 1529 16th St. NW; 800-494-8497, Theaterj.org.

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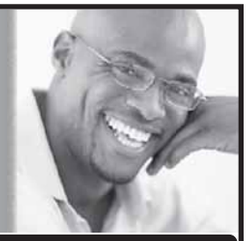

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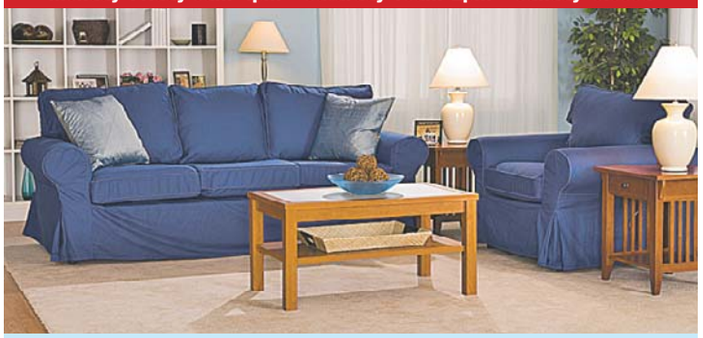

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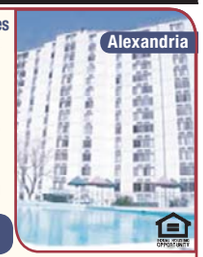

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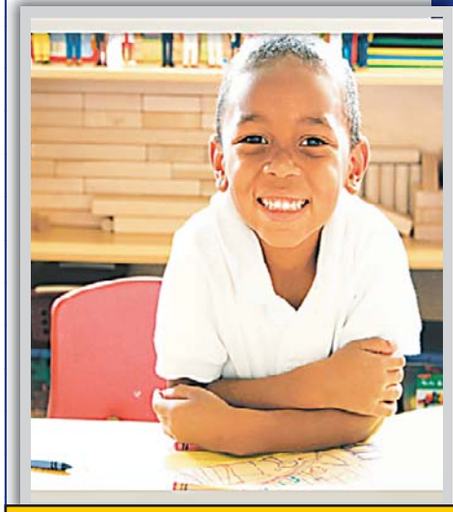

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Billy v. Taliban

A columnist's dilemma: Should I write about the HBO documentary airing Sept. 7: "My Trip to al-Qaeda" (Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Lawrence Wright probes the roots of 9/11 and its impact on America) or about the Emmys?

I previewed "My Trip" and found it thought-provoking yet flawed. Footage from Cairo, Baghdad and Kabul was fascinating. We saw the many faces of Islam, from liberal to radical. We hear how the Taliban blinded a lion at the Kabul zoo with a grenade after it bit the arm of a Talibanista who'd jumped into its den and asked, "Who's the lion now?"

By Marc Silver

But Wright, as talking head/host, was too self-important. "I decided to write a book," he intoned as makeup was applied for a one-man stage show based on his reportage. And he was not a very good actor.

So I tuned in to NBC's Emmy pre-show. Billy Bush was chatting up Kate Gosselin. Top two queries: Would she dance on the telecast? And what's up with her hairdo?

Suddenly "My Trip to al-Qaeda" seemed a whole lot better. The image of the mangy, sightless feline serves as proof that a TV picture is worth 1,000 of Billy Bush's words.

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CLOONEY'S CURIOSITY

Slow, composed pacing removes the element of suspense from the artsy thriller 'The American'

Film Review

In "The American," George Clooney brings his most somber, furrowed game face to the role of a hit man named Jack, who as the movie opens finds himself ambushed on an isolated, ice-covered Swedish lake. The odd gunshot notwithstanding, the scene transpires in almost complete silence. It turns out that both the setting and the soundtrack adequately anticipate the chilly study in solitude and emptiness that proceeds to unfold.

Directed by Anton Corbijn from a book by Martin Booth, "The American" is an action thriller that adamantly refuses to deliver action or thrills, instead engaging in a brand of arty, self-conscious formalism rarely seen outside cinema-studies classrooms.

On that basis alone, "The American" presents a fascinating, even welcome experiment in whether movie audiences gorged on a steady diet of Apatow and "Avatar" can slow their metabolisms down enough for Antonioni. It's the work of that 1970s Italian auteur — famous for his composed frames but maddeningly opaque approach to narrative — that this film's meditative pacing most readily evokes.

Once Jack dispatches his would-be foes in Scandinavia, he departs for Italy, where his boss (Johan Leysen) suggests he lay low and await orders. When Jack starts work on a high-test rifle for a client named Mathilde (Thekla Reuten), he also strikes up a carnal friendship with a hooker named Clara (Violante Placido).

Corbijn treats Jack's every move and glance with fetishistic reverence. After such a methodical succession of carefully orchestrated but bloodless tableaux, "The American" finally asks the audience to care — much too late and with way too little by way of emotional investment. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Other All-'American' Flicks

"American Splendor" (2003) This is an inventive look at the life of comic-book writer Harvey Pekar. It offers Paul Giamatti playing the acerbic Pekar alongside Pekar himself.

"American Beauty" (1999) Director Sam Mendes and writer Alan Ball tapped into a sense of dissatisfaction and self-doubt within seemingly idyllic suburbia.

"American History X" (1998) Playing a former neo-Nazi skinhead, Edward Norton just tears it up here, and duly gets much of the credit for the movie's emotional heft.

"An American Werewolf in London" (1981) The film balances the funny and the frightening with this tale of American students who run into monstrous trouble in England.

"The Last American Virgin" (1982) One of the best of all those teen sex comedies from the early '80s. It's surprisingly relatable, with more substance than other movies of its ilk. (AP)

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Anti-Climactic

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There's Madonna, Oprah and now "Conan." In a YouTube video, Conan O'Brien announced his new TBS show's name to his fans by scrawling it on a white sheet of paper. "Conan" will officially kick off on Nov. 8. O'Brien was nominated for an Emmy Award for his short-lived stint as NBC "Tonight" show host that ended amid much drama in January, but lost to Jon Stewart and Comedy Central. (AP)

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Horoscope

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You've been progressing at an easy pace, but you may have reason to pick things up and try to get more done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your confidence may be shaken when someone less experienced than you is able to figure something out that is still a mystery to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Are you eating right, getting enough rest, and enjoying a regular exercise regimen? The answers may mean more than you think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Someone close to you is able to provide the assistance you need without requiring explicit instructions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A more imaginative approach to a stubborn problem opens the door to many more options. Soon, you'll enjoy unexpected rewards.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Similarities between your situation and the situation enjoyed by a rival may have you wondering who's really the best one for the job.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) As if you didn't have enough the first time around, you're about to return to the scene of the crime for a return engagement of sorts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Things may not be progressing according to plan, but there may also be no reason to change direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can learn an important lesson from someone who does things in a much more instinctive, impulsive manner than you do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A creative endeavor owes more to a past relationship than to any new inspiration on your part. You learned a lot — and didn't even know it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It may be more difficult than expected to satisfy those in charge — and not for the usual reasons. Think outside the box.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Usually it's a yes answer that gives you what you want, but what you're really after is a firm no. Things are a bit topsy-turvy.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 150-160, BEST SCORE 222

I1	U1	H4	H4	C3	T1	N1	2nd Letter Triple	RACK 1
A1	I1	O1	N1	R1	L1	J8		RACK 2
I1	I1	Y4	R1	M3	M3	C3	Double Word Score	RACK 3
E1	O1	U1	L1	F4	S1	R1		RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

A1	R1	R1	A1	Y4	A1	L1	RACK 1 =	62
B3	E1	F4	O1	O1	L1		RACK 2 =	11
W4	O1	R1	R1	I1	E1	R1	RACK 3 =	60
P3	A1	C3	K5	A1	G2	E1	RACK 4 =	82
PAR SCORE 145-155							TOTAL	215

FOUR RACK TOTAL _____

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

			6	7		2	5	
	7			1	2			4
			9					
3							2	5
		5				6		
4	2							8
					7			
6			5	9			1	
	8	9		6	4			

Yesterday's Solution

8	2	7	9	4	3	5	1	6
6	5	9	2	1	7	3	4	8
1	3	4	8	6	5	9	2	7
3	6	5	1	2	4	7	8	9
2	4	8	7	5	9	1	6	3
9	7	1	3	8	6	2	5	4
4	1	3	6	7	2	8	9	5
5	9	2	4	3	8	6	7	1
7	8	6	5	9	1	4	3	2

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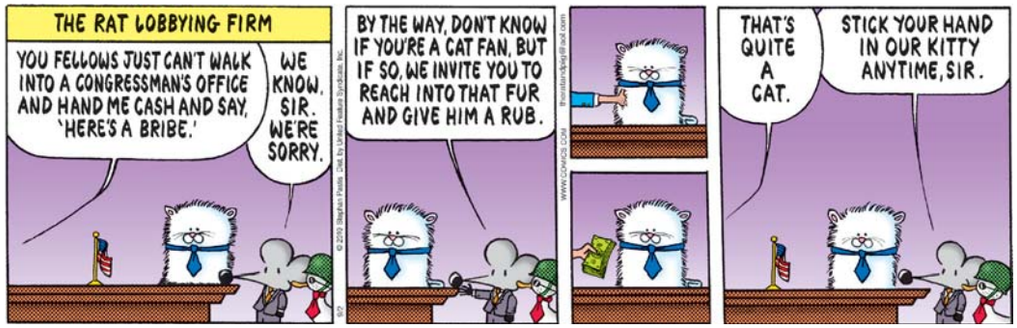

Forecast

95 | 71

Today: Hot today with sunshine giving way to clouds. Partly cloudy tonight.

90 | 67

Tomorrow: Sunshine and hot tomorrow. A shower or thunderstorm tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SAT	SUN	MON
79 | 61	81 | 62	86 | 68

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 6:38 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:37 p.m.
Moonrise today: none
Moonset today: 3:17 p.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 84
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Normal low: 66
Record low: 50

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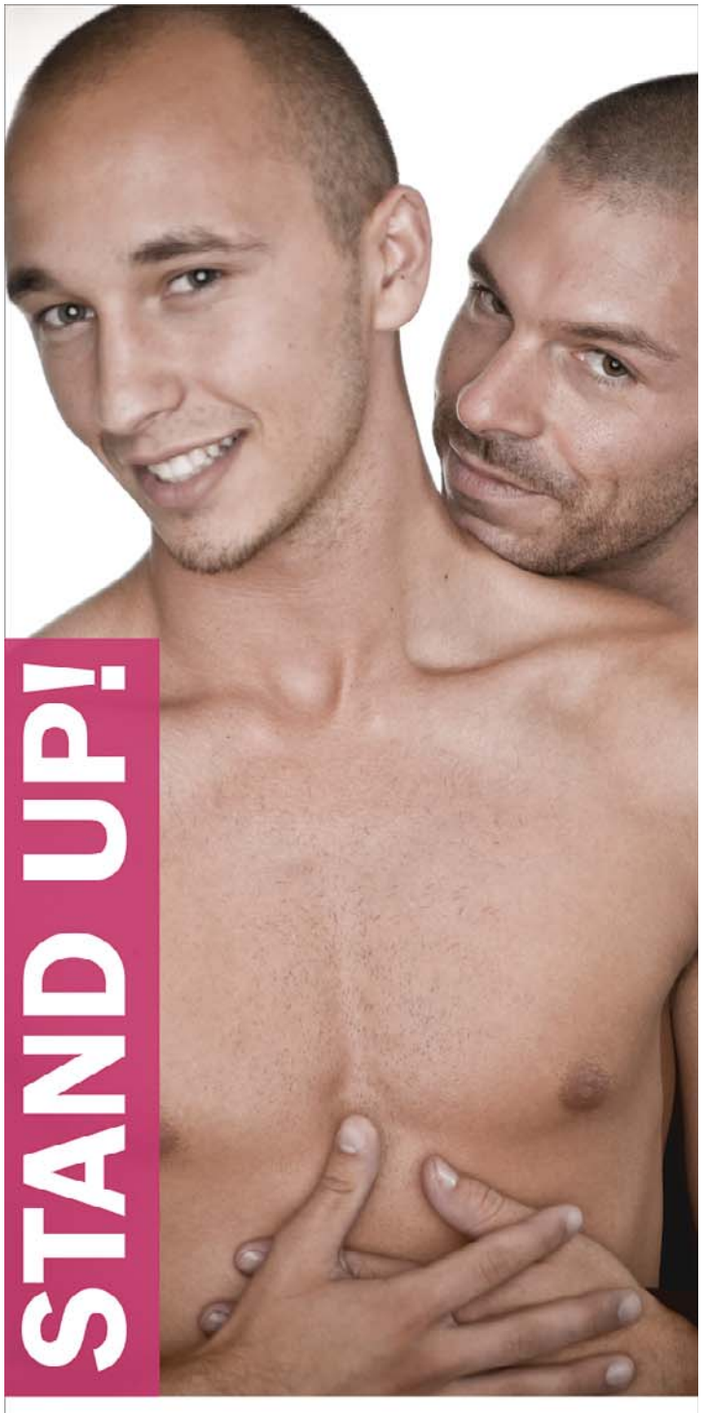

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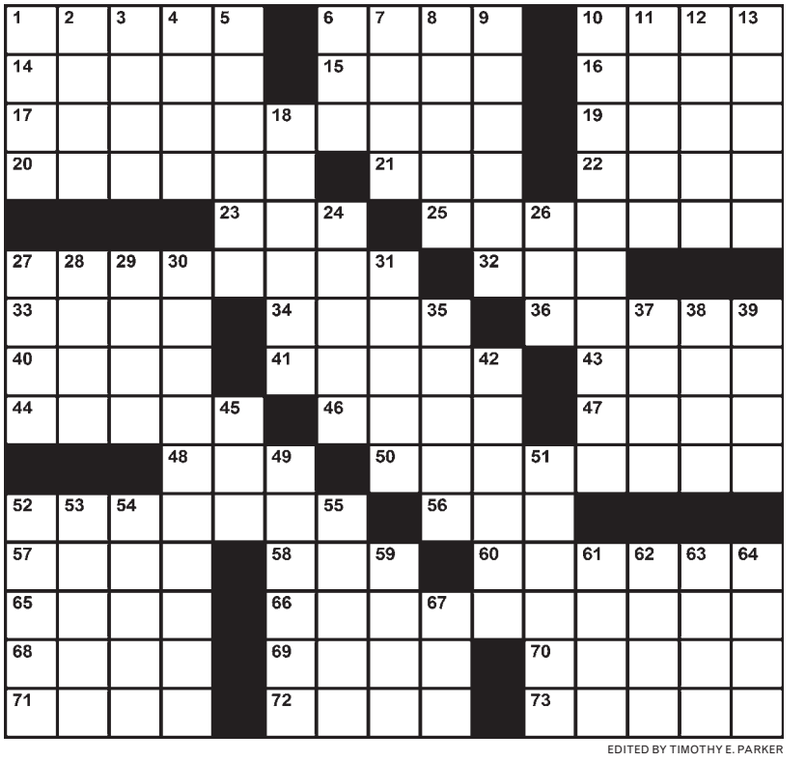

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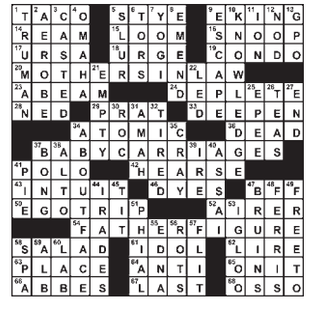
ACROSS

1 Goes on a hunger strike
6 King Cole and Turner
10 X-ray dose units
14 "Heads up!" e.g.
15 Baldwin of TV and film
16 Grander than grand
17 "Last chance!"
19 " ___ and the King of Siam"
20 Letter getter
21 Breakfasted
22 Distribute cards
23 "I ___" (Culp/Cosby TV show)
25 Flag raiser
27 Army hotshot
32 Chairman mentioned in the Beatles' "Revolution"
33 Indian noblewoman
34 Test
36 "A burger, fries and an iced tea," e.g.
40 Alike
41 Passed, as time (with "away")
43 Pupil of Seneca
44 Array in a classroom
46 Big moment at the Met
47 Champion gymnast Korbut
48 Big palooka
50 Marginal marking
52 Chinese restaurant appetizer
56 It's nothing at all
57 Bruce and Spike
58 Type
60 Words before "A-B-C"
65 From the beginning again
66 Choice that questions one's masculinity
68 Taking effect later, in law
69 Duck variety
70 Japanese port in Honshu
71 Judge to be
72 Small sailing vessel
73 Echo- sounding system

DOWN

1 They fill the bleachers
2 Cold-cream ingredient
3 Stitched together
4 Beat a path
5 Accent
6 Burns refusal
7 Thomas ___ Edison
8 Canines or bicuspids
9 Horror-movie sound
10 Hide-and-seek player's ultimatum
11 Sleep disruption
12 Iranian money
13 Almost boil
18 Brother's boy
24 Vertical graph line
26 "7 Faces of Doctor ___"
27 Pitt of Hollywood
28 Leaf-gathering implement
29 American cuckoos
30 Aquatic survival phrase
31 Eagle's weapon
35 Casaba or Crenshaw
37 "Take a number" site
38 Cogito-sum link
39 Equine color
42 More rotten, as timber
45 ___ Paulo, Brazil
49 Cheaply made
51 Los ___, N.M.
52 Antelope with twisted horns
53 "Aladdin" apparition
54 Birds flying in a V formation
55 Andean pack animal
59 Had all the answers
61 "OK, I guess"
62 Chinese dollar
63 "May I ___ silly question?"
64 Brown quickly at a high temperature
67 Wise hooter

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1901 Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offers the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

1945 Japan formally surrenders, ending World War II.

1969 In what some regard as the birth of the Internet, two connected computers at UCLA test data through a 15-foot cable.

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PORTRAITURE

And This Pose I Call 'Dramatic Chipmunk'

Jon Gosselin says ex Hailey Glassman is lying about an incident in which he threatened to report Kate Gosselin to Child Protective Services unless she paid him off — in a story Radaronline.com ran this week. "This article contains so many lies, they are too numerous to count. It is completely false and without any merit," Gosselin tweeted, calling Glassman "desperate for money." **(EXPRESS)**

DISGRACE

Paris Cast Into Desert

Paris Hilton was banned Wednesday from two Wynn resorts on the Las Vegas Strip, and her boyfriend was dismissed as a nightclub partner following their arrests in a vehicle that police said reeked of marijuana. Meanwhile, boyfriend Cy Waits was "separated" from his job after less than a week as top managing partner of the Tryst Nightclub at Wynn and XS The Nightclub at Encore. The moves come after Hilton was arrested Friday for investigation of felony cocaine possession. **(AP)**

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"Does this dress comes in vertical stipes? I mean, the headband matches."

EMPLOYMENT

Beggars, Choosers, What's the Difference?

Bankrupt New Jersey Housewife Teresa Giudice is asking for more money from Bravo to return to the show. A source told TMZ.com that the mom-of-four is demanding a cut of DVD and merchandise sales, and wants her salary doubled. Another source told the website she wants "Jersey Shore"-level paychecks — around $30,000 per episode, reportedly. **(EXPRESS)**

"CELEBRITIES"

Not One Person on This Page Deserves to Be Here

Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt no longer wish to sell their supposed sex tapes to porn purveyor Vivid Entertainment. "Heidi's made it very clear that she is not interested in releasing any tapes," a source told TMZ.com, adding, "Spencer's not interested in further destroying their relationship by pursuing an avenue she's so vehemently against." **(EXPRESS)**

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We hope a comet will hit Earth just so we never have to see this photo again.

Dirtbag Digest

'I Love You Like a Father Loves Any Income Source'

Michael Lohan has moved to Los Angeles, ostensibly to be near daughter Lindsay, according to TMZ.com. He blames their estrangement on ex-wife Dlna, accusing her of "using children as pawns." Meanwhile, Radaronline.com reports that Lindsay's lawyer has sent a cease and desist letter to Michael requesting that he stop trying to sell Lindsay's belongings. **(EXPRESS)**

"They don't want us to be a couple ... They need Nicole to be single, and they're going to see to it that she stays single."

— **JEFF MIRANDA**, AKA THE DUDE WHO PROPOSED TO SNOOKI ON THE COVER OF STEPPIN' OUT, **ASCRIBES HER REFUSAL TO EVIL MTV EXECUTIVES.**

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